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## Sparring Partners In U.S.-Japan Bout

## Two Trade Experts Bob and Weave As Dispute Enters Critical Phase

By David E. Sanger
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Two seasoned political operatives are keeping a wary eye on each other across 7,000 miles, each pushing a political and an economic agenda that leaves the other uncomprehending.

Mickey Kantor works from the old Winder Building across from the White House, where Abraham Lincoln used to consult his generals.

Ryutaro Hashimoto, his hair slicked back and his cigarette holder ever present, works from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry in Tokyo, where the world's most productive and protected automobile industry was built from scratch.

Mr. Kantor, 55, is the ultimate political loyalist, and regardless of whether the 100 percent sanctions he has declared against \$5.9 billion in Japanese luxury cars open Japan's markets, they will cartainly play well in the Midwest and in union halls, territories that President Bill Clinton has alienated and wants to re-

Mr. Hashimoto, 57, has a reputation for toughness and arrogance. He sees himself as Japan's next prime minister, maybe within months. Standing up to the Americans, many believe, is his strat-egy for realizing his life's ambition.

In private, the two get along passably well—"two of a kind," one U.S. official who knows them both said the other day -and talk about everything from Shintoism to baseball to their college days.

But in public, the bombast spills out easily. Asked about Mr. Kantor at a

recent news conference, Mr. Hashimoto replied quickly, "He's scarier than my vife when I come home drunk."

Now Mr. Kantor and Mr. Hashimoto are so far apart that both Japanese and U.S. leaders fear they may be headed toward a far larger collision than either

The immediate subject is cars. But both are quick to say that the real issue is jobs, and a clash of economic systems whose differences have been papered

over, but never reconciled. Both talk about "containing" their disputes to the economic sphere, but both worry that the other is already poi-soning the well.

Every time the United States and Japan have faced trouble, I've been able to see the way out," said a Japanese official who has worked closely with Mr. Hashimoto. "On the issue, I can't figure out how it will be resolved. We've never been this far apart."

Mr. Kantor and Mr. Hashimoto meet again next week in Paris, doubtless in the first of many contentious sessions.

Mr. Kantor has been preparing for the confrontation with Mr. Hashimoto ever since he moved from chairman of the Clinton campaign to become U.S. trade representative

The post is usually considered out of the mainstream of policy-making. Nev-ertheless, Mr. Kantor attacked the job

Tenacious and often uncompromising he took a central role in pushing through two of Mr. Clinton's biggest international initiatives, the North American Free

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President Jacques Chirac, right, with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany on Thursday in Strasbourg.

# U.S. Angers Arabs and EU by Vetoing a UN Criticism of Israel

ACAIRO — Arabs voiced dismay and larger Thursday over the U.S. veto of a United Nations Security Council resoluto expropriate land in largely Palestinian areas of Jerusalem.

Arabs said the veto, the Clinton administration's first in the Security Council, could torpedo the Middle East peace process and had made it nearly certain that Arab heads of state would meet in Morocco later this month for an emergency summit meeting on Jerusalem.

European Union officials also jumped into the fray, warning that the move could delay the signing of a key trade pact be-tween the EU and Israel.

The United States was alone in oppos-

the 14 other council members.

Palestinian Authority, said in a statement thought it was so important to protect the that the veto was "a negative decision, which may threaten the peace process as a

But Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel played down the vote to reporters in Paris as "a lot of noise about a little story." Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's spokeswoman said in Israel that "there is satisfac-

tion" at the outcome.
Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher also defended the veto. "The United States feels a tremendous responsibility to protect the peace process," he told a Senate subcommittee Thursday in Washing-

ton. "It is a very high priority for us. "And so we took the unusual step yes-

ing the resolution, which was supported by terday of vetoing a resolution in the Unit- Arabs could freeze the normalization of ed Nations Security Council, our first veto ties unless it reversed its land confiscation Nabil Shaath, head of planning in the in, I believe, about five years, because we plans. peace process and prevent institutions outside that process from taking steps that might interfere with it."

Arab states had already rallied around a campaign against Israel's decision to seize the land, and preparations were being made in Morocco for what would be the largest gathering of Arab leaders since Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

"The United States has raised the stakes," a diplomat said. "Now I think the summit will definitely take place."

Palestinians were betting on the summit meeting, called by the Arab League secre-tary-general, Esmat Abdel Meguid, to come up with a warning to Israel that

"Israel must understand that normalizacircumstances," Saeb Erekat, a Palestine Liberation Organization negotiator, said this week.

Marwan Kanafani, a spokesman for Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, said that the veto was incompatible with international agreements and that Mr. Arafat was disappointed about it.
The position of America may make the

United States lose its credibility and the trust of the Palestinian people." he added. Israel captured East Jerusalem from Jordan in 1967, annexed it and then declared it part of its united capital. It refuses to include the territory among the occupied

territories. The Palestinians see the old Eastern part of Jerusalem as the future capital of a Palestinian state.

At a multilateral peace conference in who is in charge of Jerusalem's affairs in the Palestinian Authority, said he had asked Israel for immediate bilateral talks on the future permanent status of Jerusalem. His request, in effect, advanced the peace process timetable agreed to in 1993. That timetable calls for talks on Jerusalem's status by May 1996.

"Maybe in one year I'll find no land to talk about," Mr. Husseini said.

In Brussels, EU officials were angered and said the veto was a new blow to peace. "I think this is outrageous," a senior Euro- nature of things doesn't change, and the

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### **Chirac Vows** To Maintain Strength of French Franc

With Kohl, He Pledges 'Common Willingness' For a Single Currency

> By Tom Buerkle International Herold Tribune

STRASBOURG — President Jacques Chirac dismissed as "absurd" on Thursday speculation that he might abandon France's strong-franc policy in a bid to create jobs, and he said he shared with Chancellor Helmut Kohl a "common willingness" to achieve a single European cur-

Asserting that France and Germany were determined to make good on the Maastricht treaty commitment to a single

Chirac enhances the Finance Ministry in naming a cabinet of loyalists. Page 6.

currency, Mr. Chirac said, "It's out of the question that France will have an economic and monetary policy that is not in keeping with those commitments."

Mr. Chirac declined to tie himself down to any date for a single currency, however, and repeated his campaign pledge to make employment his top priority. "The new French government intends to make the fight against unemployment the heart of

its policy," he said.

Despite his pledge, it was unclear whether world currency markets would believe that the new government in Paris remains firmly committed to maintaining the value of the franc within the European Monetary System.

While a strong French franc would help Paris meet the criteria for a single European currency, Mr. Chirac has said that the first realistic date for that step is 1999.

Currency markets were swept Wednesday by rumors that Mr. Chirae might allow the franc to weaken as a way to bolster exports and ease France's 12 percent unemployment rate. Those rumors were fueled by a report in

Le Monde that aides to Mr. Chirac were urging him to seek a realignment of the franc against the Deutsche mark within the European Monetary System to allow the French currency to drop in value

This would go against France's 10-year-old policy of linking the franc to the mark, a bond considered the linchpin of a future

single European currency.

Mr. Chirac also sought to allay concerns that French support for European integration might weaken under his leadership with a highly symbolic first meeting with

Mr. Kohl in this Rhine Valley border city. "Even if men change," Mr. Chirac said, referring to his succession to François Mitterrand as president the day before, "the

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## Kinkel to Quit as Chief of German Party

By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service

BERLIN - Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, widely blamed for the dismal political fortunes of his Free Democrats, announced Thursday that he would step down next month as party chairman. Mr. Kinkel said in Bonn, however, that

he intended to remain in office as foreign minister and deputy chancellor in the center-right coalition government headed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl since 1982. Since assuming the top party post two

years ago, Mr. Kinkel has watched the Free Democrats take a drubbing in 12 of 14 state and national elections, their traditional role as the kingmaker in German politics becoming ever more tenuous. On Sunday, they were bounced out of two more state assemblies after failing to win the minimum 5 percent of the vote needed for seats in North Rhine-Westphalia and

"The Free Democrats need a new chance through a new beginning after some difficult months," Mr. Kinkel said, in announcing he will not be a candidate for chairman at the party congress in

Mainz next month, "I will concentrate all my efforts on my position as foreign minis-

The competing demands of a busy Foreign Ministry and a troubled party have left Mr. Kinkel badly overmatched, many political analysts believe. A career bureau-crat who was a political independent until 1991, Mr. Kinkel succeeded his long-time mentor, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, as foreign minister in 1992 and as party chairman in June 1993.

In December, Mr. Kinkel survived a vote of confidence after being heckled by See KINKEL, Page 6

TANK RAMPAGE — Policemen in San Diego pulling out a tank thief with a mortal head wound. They said he crunched cars with a stolen tank. Page 3.

### AGENDA **Dow Plummets**

# On Sell Orders

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Stocks plunged on Thursday after computer-guided sell orders buffeted the market late in the day, causing the Dow Jones industrial average to post its biggest one-day loss in almost six months.

The Dow plummeted 81.96 points, to 4,340.64, its largest daily decline since a 91.52 point plunge on Nov. 22, 1994. The drop triggered the New York Stock Exchange's "uptick rule" when the average fell 50 points.

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INTERNATIONAL Page 9. Thousands Stranded in Zaire

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#### House Approves Radical Budget Slashing \$180 billion from Medicaid, the health floor when the budget gained a majority. The Associated Press care program for the poor. WASHINGTON - The House apmeasure to the end. proved on Thursday an ambitious Repub-

lican plan to shrink government and balance the federal budget by 2002, rejecting Democratic complaints that it would exact a terrible price on those on Medicare and

The proposal would dramatically change the face of government, eliminating hundreds of federal programs, cutting others and turning still more over to the The vote was 238 to 193, largely along

other federal programs.

party lines, to send the measure to the Senate. That chamber is already working on a plan of its own to eliminate deficits by 2002, the first time that would have happened since 1969. The House plan calls for nearly \$1.5

trillion in savings over seven years, including \$283 billion from Medicare health insurance for the elderly and an additional Newsstand Prices

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It also leaves room for the tax cuts passed last month as part of the Republican "Contract With America." The proposal survived two days of bitter attacks by its Democratic critics nearly

The Republican leadership staved off three attempts to replace the budget blueprint with alternatives, two of them from

factions of liberal and conservative Demo-"Now is the time to stop robbing our children and our grandshildren," the majority leader, Dick Armey, Republican of Texas, said shortly before the final vote in the House. "Now is the time to give up the false promise of big government and defi-

cit spendine." The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, presided for the final roll call, and a cheer went up from the Republican side of the

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Most Democrats battled against the

"The value of my party and I hope of a lot in the other party is that we must invest in people for the things they cannot do for themselves," said the House minority leader, Richard A. Gephardt, Democrat of He, like others, said Republicans were

taking money from "people who are already struggling" to give a "\$20,000 tax cut" to the wealthy. The House voted as Senate Republicans pushed their own balanced-budget propos-

al toward the floor and expected passage next week. Democrats readied a series of amendments to restore financing for Medicare. education and tax cuts for the working

Republicans conceded they were taking a political risk in making the cuts neces-sary to balance the budget. "We're playing a high-risk game," said Representative Dennis Hastert, Republican of Illinois. "We're trying to do something that hasn't been done here in a long time."

■ Spending Will Still Rise Michael Wines of The New York Times reported earlier from Washington:

outline for future spending. By 2002, an-See BUDGET, Page 6

## Where Russians Play Roulette in the Sun

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

NICE - The thrice-weekly air shuttle starting next month between Nice and Moscow is just one sign of the changing times here on the French Riviera. Real estate agents are studying the language of Pushkin, beach bars are stocked with Siolichnaya, and hotels are hooking up Slavic

Once again, the Russians are coming! The fabled Mediterranean coastline has fascinated Russians since the czars con-The Republican plan is actually a broad ducted annual pilgrimages here to cavort with other European royals. After Empress Alexandra Feodorovna first came in 1856

embraced Nice as their primary refuge from the harsh winters and brewing class troubles at home.

Now a new class of wealthy Russians is flocking to the area, not only for a dose of sea, sun and glamour but also to find a safe haven for their money. A record 30,000 bankers, businessmen and tourists - double the number two years ago - are expected to descend on the Riviera this year seeking relief from the brutality of modern Russia's climate, corruption and chaotic

For the Riviera's beleaguered tourist trade, the Russian invasion is nothing short of salvation. Many of the Americans and built a superb Russian Orthodox that Monaco's Princess Grace once lured

church. Moscow's prerevolutionary elite here have vanished with the shrinking dollar. Japanese tycoons and Arab sheiks who later thronged local beaches and boutiques also were scared off by sticker shock after suffering serious dents to their pocketbooks in recent years.

In their turn, the "emirs of the East" are being welcomed with open arms. They reserve the plushest hotel suites for weeks at a stretch, pay their bills with thick wads of \$100 bills and make few demands other than a well-stocked bar. At the beach of the Ruhl casino, waiters remain awestruck by a young Russian couple who consumed seven bottles of Dom Perignon champagne during an afternoon's sunbathing, pecied

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### Middle East and Domestic Politics A Campaign Maneuver

## An Embassy as Pawn

## Republican Bill Divides a Host of Old Allies

By Katharine Q. Seelye

ASHINGTON — The Republi can proposal to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem ahead of schedule has upset American Jews, pitted traditional allies in Congress against each other and put Israel's chief American lobby at odds with the

Israeli government As a result, the bill put forward last week by Senator Bob Dole, the majority leader and the leading candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, faces a more difficult time in Congress than was first apparent and may ultimately backfire on him.

Legislation introduced by both Mr. Dole in the Senate and Newt Gingrich, the House speaker, calls for the administration to begin breaking ground for a reministration to begin breaking ground for a new embassy in Jerusalem by the end of next year. If that does not happen, the bill will cut half the money already allocated to the State Department for

other foreign construction projects. While most American politicians support moving the embassy eventually, they have left the timing to Israeli and Palestinian negotiators, who have put the issue off until the final

stage of their peace talks next year. The location of the embassy is sensitive because Israelis and Palestinians alike claim Jerusalem as their capital.

Palestinians would regard moving the embassy now as a statement by the United States that it had changed its long-held position and had come to support Israel's claims to all of Jerusalem, including the eastern precincts captured from Jordan in the 1967 war.

Senator Dole's call for breaking ground ahead of the negotiators' schedule was a byproduct of presidential politics in America and the politics surrounding the increasingly

fragile peace effort in the Middle East. When he announced his proposal on May 8 to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the influential Jewish lobbying group holding its annual convention here, Mr. Dole received a standing ovation.

UT EVEN those who support the early move of the embassy said they saw Mr. Dole's proposal as a transparent political act. The Forward, a Jewish newspaper in New York, wrote in an editorial that the senator's efforts to "emerge as the greater champion of Israel," as opposed to President Bill Clinton, who resists moving the embassy now, "would be laughable were it not so blatant a play for position-

ing in the coming primaries." The move, one analyst said, may not win Mr. Dole any Jewish votes that he would not have won otherwise, but it may help inoculate him against charges that he has been insensi-

tive to Israel in the past. In 1990, while traveling in the Middle East, Mr. Dole referred to Israel as a "spoiled child" and proposed a 5 percent reduction in American aid to Israel.

In a statement that offended many Jews, he Israel had established control over east Jerusalem "by force." And after a 1990 meeting with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. Mr. Dole reported to President George Bush that the Iraqi was "a leader to whom the

United States can talk." That same year, he said on the Senate floor that the United States should not unilaterally interfere with the future status of Jerusalem. Although he had signed a resolution declaring Jerusalem the capital of Israel, he was taking it back, he said, because such sentiment could comfort Arabs "looking for an excuse to

avoid the broader peace process." Yet, the legislation he introduced last week

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would accomplish just what he deplored in 1990. It puts Congress in the middle of a delicate situation and forces the United States to relocate the American Embassy to Jerusalem unilaterally — regardless of negotiations.
The move, he said, would have "no impact"

on the peace effort.
"In his previous incarnations, Bob Dole was not the most Likud-supporting American on the Hill," said Henry Siegman, a former director of the American Jewish Congress who now works at the Council on Foreign Relations. "He was never seen as an unquestioning ally of Israel — but then, he wasn't

seen as deeply enamored of the Christian-values crowd either, until now.

"Clearly what we have here," Mr. Siegman continued, "is not some deep conversion on an issue of principle, but posturing and maneuvering in the hope that this creates some political advantage."

OLITICAL advantage, and the concomitant fund-raising advantage, were not the only considerations for Senator Dole. Just as compelling were Israeli politics and the increasing concern by conservatives, both here and in Israel, over the peace talks.

"Right-wing groups have been searching for some way to break American Jews from supporting the peace process," a Senate aide said. Referring to next year's Israeli elections, the aide added: "To call for breaking ground in '96 means Rabin will have to face up to this issue. That means he loses the Arab votes and his coalition falls. He can't win." And then the peace talks fail.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's govern-ment has accused leading Likud officials of lobbying on Capitol Hill to scuttle Israel's peace talks with both the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syria.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, a former general who is close to Mr. Rabin, told Israeli reporters based in Washington last week that some Likud officials were "mixing into American politics" in an attempt to "slow down the peace process." He said these Likud officials were "trying to obtain in the American capital what the Israeli ballot box did not give

But the Rabin government has avoided any direct criticism on the embassy dispute, since it does not want to appear less enthusiastic than the opposition about the affirmation of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Instead, it has attacked Likud representatives on other

One such front is Likud lobbying in Congress to kill the chances that American soldiers might monitor the Golan Heights as part of any future peace treaty between Israel and Syria. By raising the issue of monitors now, Israelis opposed to giving up the Golan and their American allies see a way to undermine a possible Israeli-Syrian deal.

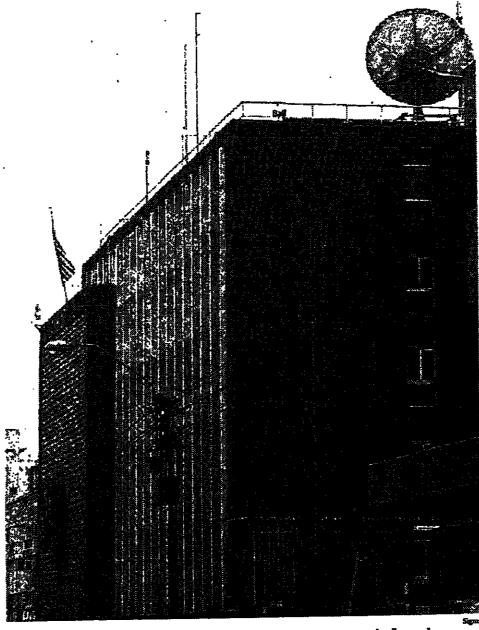
Similarly, they have sought to cut U.S. aid to the Palestinian self-rule government in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, a move that administration officials warn could cripple peace talks between Israel and the PLO. Congress must certily by Authority based in Gaza is complying with its 1993 agreement with Israel, or risk having

American aid cut. The Clinton administration has contended that moving the embassy to Jerusalem now

would hurt the peace talks.

Martin Indyk, the new American ambassador to Israel, warned at his Senate confirmation hearings in February: "Any move now, I believe very strongly, would explode the

In a speech in Tel Aviv on Tuesday, Mr. Indyk did not use such strong language, but



The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, which the Republicans want to see in Jerusalem soon.

he repeated his warning that "this is not the time for us to move the embassy to Jerusalem," given the sensitivity of the issue in the peace talks.

UT OTHERS are less persuaded that this is so, including Robert Sat-loff, who succeeded Mr. Indyk as executive director of the Washington

Institute for Near East Policy.
"We've had constructive ambiguity with an embassy in Tel Aviv," Mr. Satloff said. "We can probably maintain constructive ambiguity with an embassy in Jerusalem."

As for most members of Congress, they recognize Jerusalem as the capital, and they want the embassy there. Indeed, 93 of the 100 members of the Senate recently signed a letter to Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher that supported moving the embassy by May

ing the move ahead of the negotiators' timetable, the Dole bill has divided several American Jewish groups, who are now in heated competition to lobby members of

Congress over it. Most adamantly in favor of the bill is the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "It is the absolute right of every sovereign state to designate its own capital," said Neal M. Sher, executive director of the group. He noted that the United States has based an embassy in the capital of every country with which it has diplomatic relations, except Isra-

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Other Jewish groups here have issued statements in support of the Rabin government and the peace effort and urged Congress to go

N CONGRESS, the legislation has split California's two Democratic senators, both of whom are Jewish. One, Dianne Feinstein, opposes Mr. Dole's effort to push up the move, saying it would lead to the "collapse" of the peace effort. She is asking her Democratic colleagues to withhold support and search for an alternative approach. But the other senator, Barbara Boxer, supports the legislation.

Similarly, New York's senators, who have in the past worked closely on Israeli issues, are now at odds. Alfonse M. D'Amato, a Republican and major backer of Senator Dole's presidential campaign, favors the bill and is the point man working for its passage.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a Democrat, was not consulted on the Dole bill. He is officially reserving judgment on it, but for someone so closely allied with the issue and who has sought a consensus on the move to Jerusalem for so long, that seems tantamount to oppos-

ing it.

Twenty-six senators have so far signed on to Mr. Dole's bill, including seven Democrats. They include Max Baucus of Montana, Bill Bradley of New Jersey, Byron L. Dorgan of North Dakota, Tom Harkin of Iowa, Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, and Carl Levin of

this month.

Ocampo, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Guadalajara.

A spokesman for the state

#### of smuggling the phytonium into Germany aboard a Lufthansa flight from Moscow. Russian officials have denied all along that the plutonium came from their country, but German television reports last week said the material had been

identified as having originated in Russia. When the trial of the three men opened last week in Munich, a defense lawyer, Werner Leitner, said state prosecutors had withheld important documents. He accused Roberto and another agent, code-named Rafa, of instigating the sale and of insisting that the deal be con-cluded in Munich.

"Not just anywhere in Germany, not just in any town, but specifically in Munich," Javier Bengoechea Arratibel, one of

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Rafa told a closed session of nuclear bomb. the court late last week that another Spaniard sought in intentions is particularly sensitive in light of President Bill

um last August inspired accusa-tions from the opposition Social Democrats that the sezure had been choreographed by German intelligence to improve Mr. Kohl's prospects in the Octoher elections. The two Spaniards arrested, Mr. Arratibel and Julio Oroz

The Plot Thickens

In Plutonium Case

Informer's Role in Smuggling

Points to German Conspiracy

By Alan Cowell
New York Times Service

BONN - Months after the

smuggling of weapons-grade plutonium from Russia to Ger-

many sounded alarms across

Europe, the Parliament in Bonn

and a court in Munich are in-

vestigating the possibility that

the traffic was a conspiracy by German intelligence.

The suspicions deepened last week when Bernd Schmid-

bauer, the intelligence coordi-

nator for Chancellor Helmut

German intelligence informant code-named Roberto had been

present when plans were made in Madrid last June to smuggle

280 grams (10 ounces) of weap-

ons-quality plutonium 239 to Munich.

The radioactive material,

possibly enough to make a

bomb, was seized on Aug. 10 in Munich and three men were ar-

rested, two Spaniards and a Co-

lombian. The men are accused

Eguia, have pleaded guilty to violating arms-control laws. But the Colombian, Justiniano Torres Benitez, has not entered a plea. His lawyer has said he will argue that the deal was a set-up by German intelligence. A new parliamentary com-Kohl, acknowledged that a mittee was instructed last week to ascertain the details of the

> Mr. Schmidbauer, the intelligence coordinator, told Parliament on Thursday that Roberto, an agent of the Federal Crime Office, had been present when the smuggling was first discussed in Madrid.

But Mr. Schmidbauer said that he had no advance knowledge of the shipment and that had learned of it only the day after the three men were arrested. He also said the agent Roberto was not necessarily the same Roberto accused at the trial of instigating the opera-

German officials also presented the episode as evidence that Russia had no control over its stocks of radioactive materi-

But the incident has played into a contentious political de-

A Social Democratic member of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz, who acts as that body's spokesman on nuclear smuggling, declared Thursday, "Those who are lighting this market are those who created

Contentions that intelligence the three accused men, said at officials were behind the deal belittle the alarms raised by in-German news reports have telligence officials in Germany, by Iran in a quest to develop a

The issue of Iranian nuclear initiated the smuggling German news reports said. Clinton's opposition to Russia's sale of nuclear technology to The discovery of the plutoni- the Iranian government.

### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Fatal Air Crashes on Rise in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian official Thursday reported a steady rise in the number of air crashes, citing widespread violations of safety rules and poor maintenance as the key reasons.

Last year, 302 people died in 19 crashes, said Alexander Godunko, an official with the Russian Prosecutor General's

Office in charge of transport safety. In 1993, officials reported 14 crashes in which 197 people were killed. The main reason for the increase in crashes was disregard for

technological rules and the poor state of repair and maintenance of aircraft, Mr. Godunko said, according to Itar-Tass press agency. Another reason has been the breakup of the Soviet carrier Aeroflot into scores of independent smaller airlines that have paid little attention to safety in their rush for profits.

The United Nations watchdog agency on safety at sea has backed proposals from maritime experts to improve safety of passenger ferries like the Estonia, the vessel that sank in the Baltic drug-trafficking groups of mur-dering a former prosecutor in the city of Guadalajara earlier last year with the loss of about 900 lives. If the changes are adopted, many ships will have to undergo extensive conversions State officials said the men and, the UN's International Maritime Organization said in Lonwere believed to have killed the "these could prove so expensive that in some cases ships will former state attorney general, have to be scrapped." Leobardo Larios Guzman, because of his efforts to prosecute

SAS pilots on Thursday threatened to hold a one-day strike on June 2 over a pay dispute in which the pilots are demanding a 5.7 several high-profile cases, including the killing a year ago of Juan Jesús Cardinal Posadas

Talks between Australia and Hong Kong began Thursday to try to resolve the dispute between Cathay Pacific Airways and Cantas Airways over how many passengers Qantas can pick up in Heap (AP) Kong to take to other Asian destinations.

attorney general's office, Sergio Villa, said the four men had Travel on U.S. highways this summer is expected to be 2 percent igher than last summer - with the West as a favorite destination been identified as part of a gang because people are more confident about the economy, accordin Guadalajara that carried out ing to a survey released by the American Automobile Association assassinations and other crimes and the Travel Industry Association of America.

Hundreds of tous of garbage piles up in the streets of central Athens on Thursday as a rubbish collectors' strike entered its third day, with no relief in sight before Monday. (Reuters)

Workers in Budapest lowered into place the last section of a new bridge across the Danube, adding a seventh crossing Thursday to the congested links between the two halves of Hungary's capital

#### held in a federal prison, includes testimony by a man who administration. was accused and then cleared in the murder of Jose Francisco Mario Ruiz Massieu, the vic- an unprecedented move, ap-Ruiz Massieu. No. 2 man in the tim's brother, is accused of pointed an opposition lawmak-Institutional Revolutionary shielding the president's broth-

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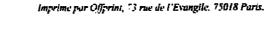
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#### POLITICAL NOTES

#### Christian Coalition Gains Support

WASHINGTON - The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, pledging along with other Republican leaders to support a Christian Coalition 10-point plan for moral and social change, has promised that the House will vote on restricting abortion and on a constitutional amendment to allow prayer in schools and other public places.

Mr. Gingrich, Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, and other Republican congressional leaders acknowledged their debt to the religious right in an elaborate ceremony in the Capitol and vowed to support the Christian Coalition's "Contract With the American Family."

Mr. Gingrich promised that "House Republicans are totally committed" to bringing each measure to a floor vote because the public would support the initiatives.

Among the Coalition's proposals are the elimination of the federal Department of Education and the transfer of its funds to local school districts; restricting pornography on cable television and the Internet; and abolishing the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities and the Corporation tion for Public Broadcasting.



Senator Phil Gramm, who denies a magazine's allega-tion that he invested in an off-color, anti-Nixon movie.

#### Gramm on Defensive Over Movie

WASHINGTON - Phil Gramm, a Republican presidential candidate, said Wednesday that he invested \$7,500 in 1974 to produce an R-rated movie called "Beauty Queens," but said the investment with a former brother-in-law turned out to be "a total loss" and that the movie was never made.

Mr. Gramm issued the statement in response to an upcoming New Republic magazine article by John B. Judis that says Mr. Gramm invested the money with his then brother-in-law, George Caton, and that it was later used to help finance the production of a different movie, an off-color, anti-Nixon film called "White House Madness."

"The only document I ever received, sent by my brother-in-law after I made the investment, said that he invested the money to help produce a movie entitled "Beauty Queens," the statement said. "My brother-in-law told me it was to be an R-rated spoof of beauty contests. I never saw a script or told today by the New Republic magazine that no such movie

#### Threats Against Lawmakers Rise

WASHINGTON - The Republican revolution that has generated intense national interest in the work of Congress also has apparently spurred an increase in the number of threats against lawmakers.

The Capitol police, the 1,075-member force charged with protecting those who work on Capitol Hill, say threats against members of Congress through March of this year jumped by 43 percent over the same period in 1994.

#### Aiming at HIV-Positive in Military

WASHINGTON - House Republicans are expected to introduce a bill to discharge more than 1,200 members of the armed services whom the Pentagon considers fit for duty but who have tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Defense Department policy bars entry to recruits who test positive for the virus. But HIV-infected troops already in the military are allowed to serve in the United States as long as they are physically able, although they are barred from deployment overseas.

Now, Representative Robert K. Dornan, a conservative Republican from California who strongly opposes homosexuals' service in the military, intends to add a new restriction when the House national security subcommittee on military personnel, which he heads, considers its part of the Pentagon, budget bill for the 1996 fiscal year.

Mr. Dornan would require an honorable discharge within six months of an HIV-positive diagnosis.

#### *Quote / Unquote*

If the Christian Coalition's proposed religious equality amendment is passed, said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, "the result will be groups competing for spaces and times to display religious symbols, judges evangelizing juries, military officers religiously testifying before their troops, public school teachers and supervisors organizing and leading religious activity." (WP)

#### **Away From Politics**

• A man who had been fired from a machine-tool company for Tighting with co-workers walked back in and started shooting. killing three people and wounding two, the authorities in Asheville, North Carolina, said, James Floyd Davis, 47, threw two guns outside, emptied his pockets of bullets and surrendered. He was charged with three counts of murder. (AP)

o In a decision that could release some of the passengers of the Golden Venture immigrant smuggling ship, a federal judge in Pennsylvania ruled that the immigrants have been wrongfully held by the Immigration Service since their arrival two years ago off New York and should be released on bond. (NYT)2 Armed robbers took at least \$5 million in computer chips and memory boards in a heist at an Irvine, California, electronics distributor, the largest in a series of thefts prompted by the soaring value of high-tech parts.

Darrell Gene Device, 39, who raped and killed a girl, 12, was executed in the electric chair in Jackson, Georgia. (AFP) A former inmate of the San Diego jail has filed a claim for \$2,000 against his jailers for dental expenses. He says he developed four cavities because he was deprived of dental (Reuters)

a A coalition of 80 religious groups called for an end to gene patents in a move that scientists said could slow down groundbreaking research in genetic engineering.

## FBI Wins Court Appeal to Detain Suspect in Bombing

By George Lardner Jr. and Walter Pincus Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - On Oct. 17, a down \$30 in cash and rented a 5-by-10-foot storage shed in Council Grove, Kansas. The next day, a man driving a dark-colored pick-up truck turned up at a Kansas farm cooperative to buy 40 bags of ammonium nitrate fertilizer. He called himself Mike Havens.

The shed rental and purchase of nearly 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms) of fertilizer, which may have been used in the Oklahoma City bombing, are two of the events listed in an FBI affidavit to support charges lodged last week against Terry L. Nichols, 41, the second man charged.

The April 19 explosion claimed 167

On Thursday in Oklahoma City, the strength of the FBI's evidence was being tested in a makeshift courtroom at the El Reno Correctional Institution, man using the name Joe Kyle put 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of Oklahoma City. The occasion was a preliminary hearing to determine whether there was probable cause to support the charges brought against Mr. Nichols and keep him in jail.

[A federal magistrate found suffi-cient cause to hold Mr. Nichols without bail for further questioning, despite testimony from an FBI agent that Oklahoma City the day of the bomb-ing, The Associated Press reported.]

[The agent, Errol Myers, said under questioning that there was some evidence that telephone calls were made kyle" as Mr. Nichols.

age-shed firm has since identified "Joe on Sept. 30. Kyle" as Mr. Nichols.

The FBI has been trying frantically to strengthen its cases against Mr. Nichols and his army buddy, Timothy McVeigh, and to deal with unanswered questions about whether others were involved in the bombing:

phone records may prove he was not in Council Grove and Herington, Kan-man calling himself "Mike Havens,"

bomb-making materials found during Jan. 22, 1995.

a search of Mr. Nichols's home and A month later a search of Mr. Nichols's nome and suggests he began buying bomb-makers extend the shed rental through Maying ingredients in late September 1994.

22. again paying \$80 cash.

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Mr. Nichols has the told authorities he stockpiled them in storage sheds in that he cleaned out the shed in April. A sas, that were rented under false according to the FBL bought his first

to identify the person who bought the fertilizer as Mr. Nichols or Mr.

McVeigh.
According to the FBI affidavit, Mr.
Nichols rented his first storage shed in Herington on Sept. 22, 1994. A man using the name "Shawn Rivers" paid The affidavit lists receipts and \$80 for a four-month rental through

ton of ammonium nitrate fertilizer at One person at a Council Grove stor- the Mid-Kansas Co-op in McPherson

In their search of Mr. Nichols's

by someone with a male voice from But none of the employees of the Mid-Kansas Cooperative Association bombing.]

But none of the employees of the home, the FBI found documents relating to rentals of two-story sheds in McPherson, Kansas, have been able Council Grove. A man calling himself Council Grove. A man calling himself "Joe Kyle" rented a storage shed listing his address in nearby Manhattan.

Someone using the name "Ted Parker" reated another shed on Nov. 7, listing his residence as Mr. Nichols's farm address in Decker, Michigan.

#### ■ Building Will Be Razed

The remains of the Oklahoma City federal building will be demolished Tuesday using 100 pounds of dynamite, The Associated Press reported from Oklahoma City.

Under an agreement worked out by federal prosecutors and Mr. McVeigh's lawyer, Stephen Jones, de-fense investigators will be allowed to inspect the ruins until midnight Sun-

## Government Isn't So Bad, Americans Say

By Richard Morin Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - In the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, a new Washington Post-ABC News Poll suggests that Americans have rallied in defense of a

much maligned target: Big Brother.
Satisfaction with the federal government is up, the survey found. Anger is down. Most of those interviewed said they basically trust the government. A big majority said Americans are too quick to

In other ways, the survey suggests that Americans are re-examining just how an-

gry they are with the government after seeing the tragic consequences of real rage in Oklahoma City.

"The bombing in Oklahoma just opened our eyes to what could happen and did happen," said Al Wendland, 53, a pharmatic in Elsia Target.

cist in Elgin, Texas.

"It's sad, but the nation draws together to a certain degree," said Richard Evans, 39, an aviation technician in Huntington

Beach, California.

At the same time, the survey found narrow but deep pockets of rage and suspicion. Six percent of those interviewed said the federal government remained their "enemy." Nine percent said violent action against the government was sometimes justified. One in eight said they supported the goals and activities of private armed

But those relatively small percentages translate into millions of profoundly disaffected Americans.

While most Americans express basic trust in the federal government, a third remain suspicious and nearly 4 in 10 view Washington as at least a minor threat to their rights and freedoms. A total of 1,011 randomly selected adults were interviewed

May 10-14 for this poll. Margin of sampling error for the overall results is plus or

inus 3 percentage points. The survey and subsequent interviews conducted by Post reporters in Illinois, California and Texas found a nation still deeply shocked and broadly conflicted by

last month's tragedy in Okiahoma City. The poll found that most Americans still love to criticize the federal government, yet

The bombing in Oklahoma just opened our eyes to what could happen and did happen.' Al Wendland, a pharmacist in Elgin, Texas.

7 out of 10 interviewed also expressed broad support for its overall goals and

And while many express deep suspicion of government, they fear the armed and anti-government militias more. "I'm afraid one will flip out and blow up

a city," said Tom Esker, 33 a bartender in Huntington Beach, California. "I'm not afraid the feds will blow up our cities."

Last month's explosion seemed to shatter at least for the moment the wall of easy cynicism that many Americans had built between themselves and their government.
According to the Post-ABC News poil, the proportion of Americans expressing satisfaction with the federal government has shot up from 29 percent in January to 48 government is just a part of life."

percent today, while those describing themselves as "angry" fell during the same period from 16 to 9 percent.

Overall, 50 percent of those interviewed still expressed dissatisfaction with the way the federal government operates. But that is down from 69 percent in January.

Many Americans also expressed dismay over the relentless anti-government rheto-ric. Nearly 6 in 10 — 58 percent — agreed with President Bill Clinton's charge that some talk show hosts "spread hateful ideas and give the impression that violence is acceptable," with 4 out of 10 saying this was a "serious problem" and an equal proportion calling for greater restrictions on what people may say on the radio.

Likewise, three-quarters of those interviewed agreed that "people in this country are too quick to criticize the federal government," a view held even by a majority of those who expressed dissatisfaction with the government.

Many Americans, however, appear to dismiss any suggestion that such conflict-

ing views are necessarily contradictory. In fact, many of those surveyed said the ight to criticize the government -- sometimes harshly and even unfairly -was one of this country's greatest strengths. But not if the words become action.

Others see criticism of government as a reaction to the serious problems facing the country, problems that increasingly seem to be beyond the ability of government to

"If you're the federal government you're going to get criticized," Mr. Wendland said. "It's just human nature when things go bad to try to point the finger at some-body and say this is why we're having all these problems. Criticism of the federal

### **A Police Bullet Ends** Tank Thief's Joyride

SAN DIEGO — A former U.S. soldier stole a 63-ton army tank and rampaged through several neighborhoods, flattening utility poles, fire hydrants and rows of cars before getting stuck on a concrete freeway divider. The police fatally shot the man as he tried to dislodge the tank.

More than 20 police cars pursued the tank at times, sirens

wailing, as it careered wildly along busy freeways.

No bystanders were injured. The tank's weapons, a 105mm cannon, 12.7mm anti-aircraft gun and 7.62mm machine gun, were not loaded, said Major Ed Gale of the National Guard.

The M-60 tank was taken from a National Guard armory. The driver was identified as Shawn Nelson, 35, an unemployed plumber who had trained as a tank crew member in the U.S. Army and had served in Germany.

Neighbors said Mr. Nelson's life had been crumbling. His home in San Diego was apparently in foreclosure, his utilities had been shut off, he had broken up with his girlfriend and he suffered from chronic medical problems. Neighbors said he had talked about suicide.

But witnesses said that as he drove the tank, Mr. Nelson, whose head was sticking through the hatch much of the time, was smiling and laughing. "The expression on his face was: 'Hey, I'm having fun,' " a witness said.

The authorities were unsure how he managed to steal the tank from the armory, where 10 were stored. After the tank smashed through an armory gate about 6:45 P.M. Wednesday, it rumbled through quiet suburban neighborhoods. San Diego Gas & Electric officials said the tank bowled over power lines, knocking out electricity to about 5,100 customers. It plowed into at least 40 cars and a trailer home.

Finally, four officers leaped onto the tank and opened the hatch with bolt cutters as it rocked back and forth on top of a

concrete road divider. They shouted at Mr. Nelson to surren-

der, but he tried to get the tank moving again.
One shot was fired, and Mr. Nelson was hit in the neck, a police spokesman said. The police said they shot him because they feared he would take the tank into the northbound lanes of the highway and endanger traffic.

### A Rifle Association Chief Apologizes for Remarks

WASHINGTON away from its defense of a recent fund-raising letter that described federal agents as "jack-booted thugs," the National Rifle Association has offered an

"I really feel bad about the fact that the words in that letter have been interpreted to apply to all federal law enforcement interview from Phoenix.

tion was to paint all federal law same broad brush, I'm sorry, and I apologize," Mr. LaPierre said Wednesday.

His apology came after a week of steadily mounting criticism of the lobbying group.

It began May 10 when former President George Bush resigned from the association to protest officers," Wayne LaPierre, the Mr. LaPierre's comments in the association's executive vice fund-raising letter. Early this president, said in a telephone week, President Bill Clinton joined the critics and praised "If anyone thought the inten- Mr. Bush for his action."





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By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

TOKYO - The police arrested a key member of the Aum Shinrikyo wanted on kidnapping charges, and they found that he had undergone fa- the attack, which killed 12 people and in the Japanese press. cial surgery to change his appearance.

The police picked up Takeshi Matsumoto on a Tokyo street. Wanted posters with Mr. Matsumoto's picture are posted throughout Japan, but he did not much resemble the photo.

With his arrest, there are expected to be fewer concerns about terrorist strikes in retaliation for the detention of the cult's leader, Shoko Asahara. Only a few Aum members on wanted lists remain at large.

Surgery on Mr. Matsumoto's eyes and a different haircut had changed his appearance. The skin of his fingertips had been sliced off so that he those in police records.

The police have not said whether gation. Mr. Matsumoto is a suspect in the March 20 nerve gas attack on the Toinjured 5,500.

tionwide wanted list for nearly two months for kidnapping, and he was the best-known Aum official still on the

Mr. Asahara, who is suspected of masterminding the subway attack and planning a virtual war against the Japanese government, was transferred to a court Thursday under extraordinarily tight security. The judge allowed prosecutors to hold Mr. Asahara for 10 more days of questioning before charging him.

Mr. Asahara, who was arrested

would not leave fingerprints to match clared his innocence in the subway headquarters, injected with truth seattack but refused to submit to interro-

Some other Aum members in jail are meditating regularly and trying to fast kyo subway system. Forty-one other as part of their religious training, but religious sect Thursday who had been Aum members have been arrested or Mr. Asahara is not following their are being sought in connection with lead, according to accounts published

Some Aum officials appear to be Mr. Matsumoto has been on a na- giving detailed statements to the Japanese police, and the comments indicate that Mr. Asahara played a central role in the production and use of nerve gas, according to Japanese news reports. Mr. Matsumoto was wanted in con-

nection with the kidnapping of a notary clerk early this year. The clerk, Kiyoshi Kariya, was abducted from a Tokyo street earlier this year after he opposed plans by his sister to donate family property to Aum.

The Mainichi Shimbun, a national daily, has reported that an Aum doctor in police custody has confessed that Tuesday morning, is said to have de- Mr. Kariya was taken to the Aum

headquarters, injected with truth so-rum and interrogated. An Aum doctor Wednesday they found further materiwas preparing to execute Mr. Kariya with a lethal injection but found that he had already died, the Mainichi re-

ported. The Asahi Shimbun reported Thursday that Aum's intelligence chief possessed explosives that could have been used in a car bomb, and may have been planning another terrorist attack. The intelligence chief, Yoshihiro Inoue, who is also suspected of leading the nerve gas attack on the subway, was arrested Sunday.

The Asahi also reported that during the police search on Tuesday for Mr. Asahara, the authorities found a hidden underground chamber with 275 metal drums of phosphorus trichlo-ride, a key ingredient of sarin nerve gas. The police had earlier found huge stockpiles of various chemicals, but this underground warehouse had elud-

The police are continuing their to the cult's headquarters.

als that can be used to make explo-

sives, as well as equipment to make

fake drivers' licenses. Aum operated a

video rental store, and the police sus-

pect that it used data from customers

to forge drivers' licenses for use by cult

members engaged in criminal activi-

Japanese news organizations also re-

ported Thursday that a former Aum

official had confessed to the police

that the sect was responsible for the

disappearance of a lawyer and his fam-

The lawyer, Tsutsumi Sakamoto,

who had handled suits against the cult,

disappeared along with his wife and

According to press reports, the for-mer Aum official said that a squad of

senior sect members had drugged the

Sakamotos and had taken them back

ily in 1989.

year-old child.

China Tries to Assure Hong Kong HONG KONG - China assured Hong Kong on Thursday

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that it would keep its civil service, capitalist system and freedom of travel after it reverts to Chinese rule in 1997. Lu Ping, Beijing's top official for Hong Kong affairs said here that foreign judges could sit on the Court of Final Appeal, which is planned as a safeguard of the colony's freedoms, an important encouragement for people who fear

Chinese judges may be biased. He also described the passports that Hong Kong Chinese will carry, and assured those who have emigrated that they will suffer no ill will if they return. Mr. Lu praised Hone Kong's 180,000 civil servants as an asset that China wants to

preserve after 1997, even if they have British nationality.

After his speech, he told reporters in English that foreign investors should not worry because "everything will remain. the same after 1997."

Korea Nuclear Meeting Is Readied

SEOUL — Following a new warning by North Korea that war could break out at any time on the Korean Peninsula, the United States prepared to meet again with the hard-line

Communist country for nuclear talks.

The talks, scheduled to begin Friday in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, are aimed at salvaging an endangered accord designed to dismantle the North's nuclear program, suspected of weapons development.

Battle Over Japanese Apology

TORYO - With the 50th anniversary of World War II's end approaching, pacifist lawmakers are stepping up efforts to pass a parliamentary resolution apologizing for Japan's

Veterans groups, rightists and conservative politicians say Japan has apologized enough for the war and that the pro-posed resolution would be an insult to Japan's war dead and their families.

#### Sri Lanka Fears Attack on Port

COLOMBO - Sri Lankan security forces wentoo full alert here Thursday for possible sea attacks by Tamil Tiger separatist guerrillas, security sources said.

Navy frogmen were checking ships in the pert of Colombo for explosives after intelligence agents reported rebei plans to attack the harbor, the sources said.

#### Indonesia to Try 3 on Magazine

JAKARTA — Two Indonesian reporters and an assistant from an independent journalist's group will be tried soon for publishing an underground magazine declared illegal by the government, a lawyer said Thursday...
"The prosecutor's office will soon submit the dossiers to the

Central Jakarta District Court for mak," said Inanto Subiakto, a lawyer from the Jakarta Legal Institute, which is

representing the three people.

Achmad Taufik and Eko Maryadi, members of the unrecognized Alliance of Independent Journalists, have been charged with distributing "Independen," a magazine critical of the government, without an official permit.

The same charges, which carry an unknown jail term, have been filed against Danang Kukuh Wardeye, an office helper. The three were arrested in March.

#### **VOICES** From Asia

Ali Alatas, foreign minister of Indonesia, asserting that hiscountry will continue to seek a peaceful settlement of the Spratly Islands dispute: "Diplomacy, border agreements and other such commitments are guarantee enough for security and peace.'

Anuruddha Ratwatte, deputy defense minister of Sri Lanka. on the government's position that it was fully committed to the peace process but that force would be met with force: "Meticulous attention has been given to the defense of the, city of Colombo. All precautions have been taken to reinforce security with a view to preventing untoward incidents of any (Reuters)

Lily Wu, vice president of Asian research at Bankers Trust. Co., after Shanghai stocks rose 27 percent following a ban on bond futures trading: "Money is very fungible. Squeeze it out here and it comes up there."

# Averted 2d Disaster

New York Times Service

TOKYO - The nerve gas attack in March got all the attention. But if it had not been for an alert cleaning woman. Japan might have suffered an even worse poison gas attack

early this month. The police said the woman, who was not identified, noticed a couple of plastic bags beside a toilet in a men's rest room in Shinjuku Station, one of the busiest subway stations in Tokyo. She picked them up and put them beside the door for

In fact, the bags were a sophisticated chemical weapon, set to produce cyanide gas - enough to kill, in theory, 10,000

The cleaning woman apparently jiggled the bags in such a way that she disrupted the automatic trigger mechanism. When they burst into flames a bit later, that evening of May 5. the fire was small enough that the police were able to put it out in time to avoid a chemical reaction that would have produced cyanide gas.

The police are investigating the case as attempted murder. For now, there is no evidence linking it to Aum Shinrikyo, the religious sect whose leaders were arrested Tuesday on murder and other charges arising from the March 20 nerve gas attack.

which killed 12 people and injured 5,500.

The police reported the attack a day after it happened, but it was not clear then how close Tokyo came to a major disaster. It now seems that only luck averted a catastrophe. The cyanide device was placed near a rest room vent with a fan that is piped to a subway platform, several Japanese news organizations reported. Vents in other rest rooms go to the ground outside, where gas would be dispersed and hurt fewer people, so it appears that the terrorists may have had special

knowledge of the station's ventilation system. The cyanide would have been produced if sodium cyanide, in one plastic bag, had mixed with sulfuric acid, in the other. The automatic trigger produced only a small fire that burned through just one bag by the time police arrived.

The two kilograms (4.4 pounds) of fresh sodium cyanide used would have produced about one kilogram of cyanide gas - enough theoretically to kill 10,000 people, according to Tadashi Miyasaki, a chemistry professor at Showa University. Sulfuric acid is easy to obtain in Japan, but the sale of sodium cyanide is restricted, and chemists said it would be

The police have recovered a stockpile of sodium cyanide from the headquarters of Aum Shinrikyo.

uite difficult to obtain two kilograms of it.

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## A Maid, and Luck, New Delhi May Ease Its Grip on Kashmir

By John F. Burns
New York Times Service

NEW DELHI - A week after India's hold on the disputed Kashmir region was shaken by the destruction of the state's most revered shrine, the government of Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao appeared to have moved closer to offering its Muslim majority a degree of political autonomy short of in-

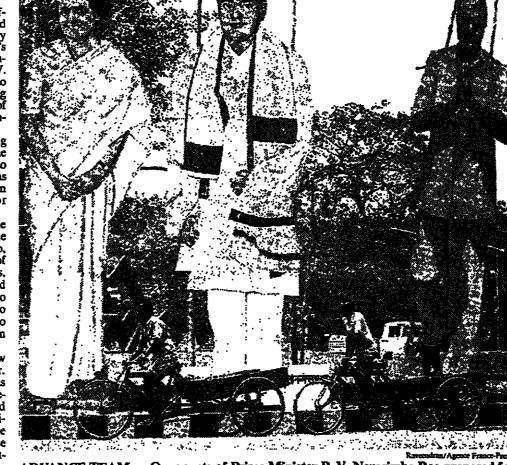
The possibility of returning to Kashmir at least some of the autonomy that India began to erode in the early 1950s has been under discussion within the Rao government for

But the inferno that razed the shrine at Charar-i-Sharief in the Kashmir Valley a week ago, along with most of the homes of the town's 20,000 residents. seems to have strengthened those in the government who favor political concessions to the Muslim insurgents who have fought Indian troops in Kashmir since 1990.

The strongest hints of a new policy have come from Mr. Rao, whose government was thrown into turmoil by the destruction of the 535-year-old shrine, and by Muslim mili-tants assertions, denied by the Indian Army, that it was the army that set the fires that gutted Charar-i-Sharief.

Mr. Rao has seemed keen to emphasize his government's readiness for a new dialogue with Kashmiri Muslims, and, ultimately promise.

In Parliament on Wednes-



ADVANCE TEAM - Opponents of Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao prepared for a rally Friday by placing cutouts of Indira Gandhi, right, and her son, Rajiv, both of whom are dead, and of Arjun Singh, right, a dissident leader in Mr. Rao's party, around the city.

Mr. Rao said detained Muslim day, the government survived leaders who have been released

the destruction of Charar-i- months had spoken of indepen-Sharief. In remarks at the time, dence in a way that suggested they might accept "something less which we can give or con-

The Indian leader added that the constitution was "flexible and imaginative enough" to embody changes that would give Kashmir a degree of auton-

omy. The state government had wide authority in the early years after independence in 1947 but lost much of it in a clash with the New Delhi government in 1953. Although it continued to have a special constitutional status, the state came progressively under New Delhi's control, and lost political authority altogether with the imposition of direct rule by the central gov-

ernment in 1990. Muslim leaders in Kashmir have said the state's future should be decided in a plebiscite supervised by the United Nations. But India has rejected that option for decades, and Mr. Rao underscored the limits of New Delhi's flexibility by telling a magazine that India state's secession.

Rao said in an interview pub- said.

an opposition censure vote over by the government in recent lished Wednesday in the news magazine India Today. "Kashmir is an integral part and parcel of India. The accession was final."

> The reference was to the document signed in October 1947 by Kashmir's Hindu ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, under which he agreed that Kashmir should become part of India. But the accession was never accepted by Pakistan, which has held a third of Kashmir since 1947 and demanded that the Muslim majority in the Indian-ruled part of the state should be given the choice, in a plebiscite, of joining

Pakistan. If Mr. Rao decides to offer wider powers to Kashmir, he will have to walk a political tightrope. Many in the governing Congress (I) Party oppose concessions, seeing them as a first step toward a dangerous weakening of India.

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DHAKA, Bangladesh — A fered extensive losses. massive rescue effort was sweeping the country for three days killed nearly 100 people missing, officials said.

Rescuers fanned out across the devastated areas after the rain stopped Wednesday night and winds eased.

Relief officials said that about one million people were left homeless in 12 seriously af-

fected districts. Relief officials said the threeday storm caused severe damage to property and crops, but a full account could take several

days. They said many islands were

still cut off and might have suf-

More than 40 people on Unitlaunched in Bangladesh on char island were washed into Thursday after a rainstorm the Bay of Bengal on Wednesday and at least 45 others died when two ferries capsized. Othand left more than 100 others ers died when their houses collapsed, the police said.

"We don't think any of the missing islanders is alive," said : an official from the coastal district of Noakhali.

The storm flattened nearly 30,000 shanty homes along the coast and on the islands. breached flood embankments and flooded roads between > Chittagong and Cox's Bazata officials and the police said. They said nearly 70,000 people were evacuated to shelters.

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#### *EUROPE*

# Sarajevo Forced to Put Sniper Barriers Back Up

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herze-govina — Sniper barriers went ap along Sarajevo's main bouleyard Thursday after the worst lighting in months in the Bosnian capital left 15 people dead and dozens wounded in three

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Although the level of fighting had eased after artillery barrages and small-arms exchanges the killing of civilians continaed. The fighting had been de-scribed by the United Nations as the worst in 18 months.

Three people were killed and nine were wounded by sniper fire and shrapnel from a shell that landed near a busy outdoor market in a residential area. One of the dead men was helping to put up a sniper barrier.

After an anti-sniper agreement and a ban on heavy weapons around the city were teached last year, most barri-rades, made from freight containers, were removed from Sarajevo. A four-month cease-fire brought further respite, but it fan out on May I and was not renewed

The United Nations received assurances from the Bosnian Serbian commander, General Ratko Mladic, and General Mustafa Hajrulahovic of the Muslim-led government army that there would be no more fighting in Sarajevo, a UN spokesman said.

But there have been many such assurances from the warring parties, and few of them were honored for long. Elsewhere in Bosnia, the

United Nations said Serbs failed to gain ground along a vital supply corridor in the horth after pounding Croatian forces in their Orasje enclave with artillery and tank fire for several days.

The Serbian attack, which began last week, appeared aimed at securing the narrow corridor that links Serbian-held territory in Bosnia and Croatia with Serbian-led rump Yugoslavia.

In northwest Bosnia, about 155,000 residents in the government-held Bihac enclave were reported by relief officials to be acing starvation unless its besiegers lifted their blockade on felief convoys.

"If nothing happens now, we

are facing starvation," said Mans Nyberg of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. We would need one convoy every day to get the situation there back to normal." The last reached the enclave on April 4. [Mr. Milosevic could foresee

rebei leader, held talks here Thursday aimed ending their

The bitter rivals have been

brought together for the first

time to negotiate the end of a war in the former Soviet repub-lic that has left an estimated 50,000 people dead in more

foes.
""If two brothers do not meet

how can you hope to establish trust?" asked an adviser to the

Muslim opposition.

Mr. Rakhmonov, a neocomminist who is backed by Mos-

cow, paid tribute to his oppo-nent in a brief statement before

The meeting. The president de-scribed Mr. Nuri as "a great Fajikistan figure."

discussing are a permanent cease-fire and a way to achieve negional reconciliation.

The rebels have made three main demands of Mr. Rakh-

monov, who won a recent election and has been further strengthened by military gains.

His government is supported by about 20,000 Russian-led forces

from the Commonwealth of In-

dependent States. Mr. Nuri's Islamic Renais-

sance Movement wants an in-

terim government made up of

It also wants a special force

to separate the rival camps, with troops from Iran, Pakistan, Russia, Turkey and Euro-

And it demands that Russian

troops withdraw from the Tailk province of Badakhshan, which

hey entered after a recent

The results of the talks may

not become apparent until next veck, when the two sides hold a

new round of UN-organized

negotiations in Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan. This will lay the ground for the Alma-Ata talks," an opposition

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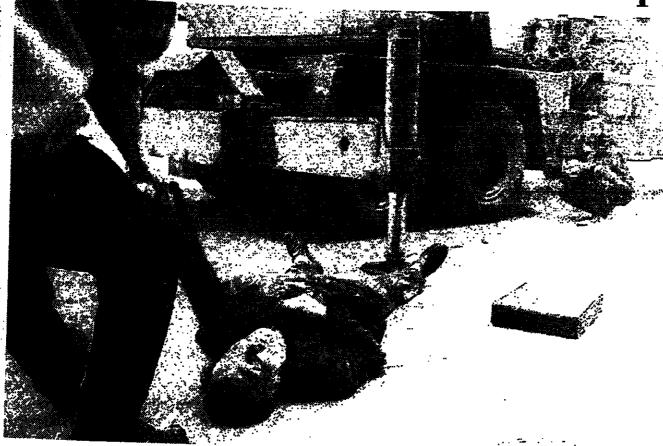
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The main issues the two are

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With Muslim Rebel



A man being dragged out of the line of fire in Sarajevo after he was shot by a sniper Thursday. Three people were killed.

ing instigated the war, would in

effect give up his dream of add-

The new offer was finalized a

week ago at a meeting in Frank-furt of senior officials from the otal figure in any peace efforts

United States, Russia, Britain, in the former Yugoslavia.

secretary of state, went to Bel-

The United States sees Mr.

Milosevic as the most powerful

## New Offer to Serbia Would Speed Relief recognizing the international important because Mr. Milose-borders of Bosnia-Herzegovina vic, who is widely seen as hav-

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Grasping for ways to slow the rebia greater relief from sanctions than a previous rejected offer if in return it recognizes Bosnia's borders, Western diplomats

The officials said they hoped the new plan, which was pre-sented to Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, in taiks on Tuesday and Wednesday in Belgrade, would win his assent because it offers him more relief from sanctions that were included in a plan that he had one toward reducing tension rejected last winter.

He had rejected the previous plan because he wanted sanctions eased before he recognized Bosnia. The new plan promises faster

sanctions relief after recognition of Bosnia than the previous

a venne. President Burhanud-din Rabbani has already met

with both men in the dispute. The Afghan leader is an eth-

the rebels.

Tajik Leader Talks

ministration official said.

to step up pressure on the Bos-nian Serbs, the new offer suggests that all sanctions on Ser-bia would be lifted, and not just Agence France-Presse

The Afghan authorities have
KABUL — President Imoli taken a lead role in organizing suspended, if the Bosnian Serbs accept a compromise map that would give Bosnia's Muslim-Rakhmonov of Tajikistan and this separate meeting, although Said Abdullah Nuri, an Islamic officially they are only offering dominated government control of 51 percent of the country's land. The Bosnian Serbs, who now control more than 70 percent of Bosnia, would be given 49 percent.

nic Tajik and speaks the same Persic language as Mr. Rakh-monov and Mr. Nuri. And part of the problem concerns Afghanistan, because Mr. on the Bosnian Serbs to make than three years of fighting.
Sources familiar with the meetings, which began late Wednesday, said they were intended to build up a personal relationship between the Tajik cerns Argnamstan, because Mr. Nuri's rebels are based across the border there. Kabul and the Tajik government signed an agreement in 1993 on border security, but neither side has been able to do much to stop

Serbian recognition would The Afghan authorities have The Afghan authorities have tried to keep journalists as far away from the talks as possible. have grown increasingly defiant of Mr. Milosevic. Nonetheless, such recognition is considered

newed fighting in Bosnia, an American diplomat has presented Serbia's president with a new plan that would offer Serbia president and Robnia greater relief forces. sentative in the five-nation "Contact Group," had reached "an advanced stage."]
[In Paris, meanwhile, France said Thursday that there had formal diplomatic recognition

been progress in efforts to persuade Mr. Milosevic to extend to Bosnia, Reuters reported.

in exchange for a significant

easing in sanctions, Agence France-Presse reported Thurs-

The new plan calls on Serbia to recognize Bosma's borders - a step that Western diplomats say would be an important and allow the United Nations to station more monitors along Serbia's borders to cut off trade between it and the Bosnian Serbs. The plan also calls on Serbia to grant limited recognition to Croatia.

In return, administration officials said, the United Nations would suspend economic sanctions on Serbia, except for the embargo on oil and arms.

"We hope it would be a defusing step that would back all

In the hope of getting Serbia

American diplomats said the plan is intended to get Mr. Milosevic to apply more pressure peace, to isolate them diplomatically and to cut off the flow of arms and goods that they need to continue fighting.

not lead to immediate peace in Bosnia since Bosnia's Serbs

### Chechen Villagers Flee Heavy Russian Shelling

NOVY ATAGI, Russia — host of areas still controlled by the Chechens," he said. "Civilians who are angry with the Chechnya on Thursday, fleeing bombings are taking up arms to intensive shelling by Russian forces of rebel positions.

The Russian troops have no prospects."

Russian troops unleashed unusually fierce mortar and artillery bombardments against the locality of Shatoi, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of the capital, Grozny, and shelled other rebel-controlled villages along the way. Chechen officials said Rus-

neutral figures to be set up in the Tajik capital, Dushanbe. action, making eight combing sorties overnight on Shatoi and on two other villages. The chief rebel spokesman,

effectiveness of the Russian guerrilla war.

Movladi Udugov, speaking by them from establishing mountelephone, was disdainful of the tain bases from which to wage a

a statement on Wednesday by a Russian officer that paratroop units would mount a push soon against separatist strongholds in the mountains.

The Russian assault followed

A hospital at Novy Atagi, 20 kilometers south of Grozny, sian planes had also been in teemed with injured from the fighting of the past few days.

Russian troops have forced the separatists out of the towns. They are now trying to stop them from establishing moun-

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### EU Chief Seeks Efficiency

BRUSSELS - The European Union must reinvent and streamline itself or risk disintegrating as it sets out to expand eastward, the president of the European Commission was quoted as saying

"Now that we have decided to enlarge the community, we also have to make our institutions more efficient,' Jacques Santer told the British newspaper Financial Times.

Without going into great detail. Mr. Santer said the costly Common Agricultural Policy — which swallows half the 15-nation Union's annual budget of 80 billion European currency units (\$102 billion) - would have to be reformed to cope with the prospective membership of the states along the EU's eastern border.

He added that the commission aimed to produce reform plans by the end of the year. "Reform is not just a question of principle." he said.
"It is also a question of efficiency." (Reuters)

#### Farm Supports Denounced

BONN — The German agriculture minister, Jochen Borchert, on Thursday attacked what he called "outrageous" European Commission proposals to change the way farmers are compensated if currency fluctuations erode their income.

Addressing Parliament, he said some of the commission's arguments left him almost speechless and he asked whether the European Union executive's intention might be to abolish all protection for farmers for losses if currencies

"My mistrust is great, very great." Mr. Borchert said. "For German farmers this is, to put it diplomatically, an outrageous proposal."

Mr. Borchert said German farmers had been hard hit by the mark's surge against other currencies, which had cut their exports and led to increased imports of cheaper foreign farm pro-

### Poland Awaits Instructions

WARSAW - Prime Minister Jozef Oleksy effect give up his dream of adding parts of Bosnia to a Greater plan to Mr. Milosevic. renewed his request Thursday that Poland be told exactly what it must do to enter the European Union as quickly as possible.

After a meeting with Hans van den Broek, the EU commissioner for foreign affairs, he said: "We focused our attention on the vast mass of adjustment work which must be completed in Poland in a short time, to meet European Union

criteria." He added that Poland expected to play a greater role in the political dialogue that will lead up to EU membership.

Mr. van den Broek said he still could not give a firm date for Poland's entry into the Union because that depended on Warsaw's own progress in meeting economic and political require-ments. But he said the EU would do everything possible to speed up the process.

"We are very much heartened and encouraged by the progress that has been made in Poland in the process of economic and political reform," he said, adding that high-level missions would be held in coming days to discuss trade issues.

#### Thumbs Down for the EU

VIENNA — After belonging to the European Union for just 150 days, nearly half of all Austrians want out, a poll published Thursday showed. Last June, two thirds of Austrians voted in

favor of joining the EU. Now, 47 percent say they would vote against joining, according to a survey by the Gallup institute for the weekly News here.

One of the main reasons for the EU's fall from favor was the feeling that membership had failed to bring such benefits as lower prices or significant economic growth, the poll said. (Reuters)

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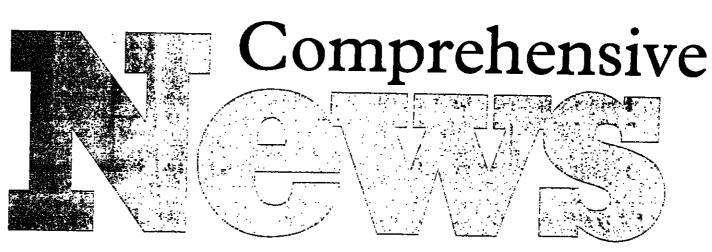
BRUSSELS: Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen of Finland talks with members of the European Commission members.

BRUSSELS: Jacques Santer, president of the European Commission, attends European Round Table of Industrialists.

TUNIS: Manuel Marin, commissioner for relations with Asia, the Mediterranean and Latin America, visits for talks on the EU-Mediterranean accord

FRANKFURT: Monika Wulf-Mathies, commissioner for regional policy, meets with managers of the Frankfurt Rhein-Main airport.

GDANSK, Poland: Hans van den Broek, commissioner for foreign affairs, attends the fourthannual Council of Baltic Sea States. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.



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#### INTERNATIONAL

## Chirac Beefs Up Finance Ministry

### Personal Loyalty a Key Factor As President Fills Out Cabinet

PARIS - President Jacques Chirac appointed a new government on Thursday, giving a superministry for economics to Alain Madelin, 49, a free-marketeer who champions freer competition to spur French industry into better performance. especially in job creation.

Except for Mr. Madelin's role, the makeup of the overall government suggested that French policy, especially the demain of foreign affairs in security and economics, will be run by Mr. Chirac and Prime Minister Alain Juppe, 49.

Top cabinet posts went either to Chirac loyalists, including Jacques Toubon, who was named as justice minister with the rank of No. 2 in the cabinet, or else to center-rightists deemed unlikely to challenge the tightly knit Gaullist pair at

The most important are Foreign Minister Herve de Charette and Defense Minister Charles Millon. Both are centrists whose presence provides reassurance about sharing power among the main conservative factions and about continuity. in French attitudes toward European integration.

Both men earned their cabinet jobs by coming out early in support of Mr. Chirac's presidential bid, but neither has significant international experience. The junior minister to handle European affairs will be Michel Barnier, a Gaullist.

The new government includes a record 12 women, all in junior positions with the exception of Health Minister Elisabeth Hubert.

Mr. Juppė was foreign minister in the outgoing government of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, and his top aide there -Dominique de Villepin, 41 has moved over to Mr. Chirac's office as the presidential chief of staff. Juppe aides, many of them graduates of France's elite schools that also turned out Mr. Chirac and Mr. Juppé, have been split between his own office and Mr. Chirac's to ensure smooth teamwork.

Two prominent politicians will not be in the new government, Charles Pasqua and Phillipe Seguin. Mr. Pasqua, the former interior minister, was shut out because he played a key role in backing Mr. Balladur, including an effort to garner support from former French colonies in Africa. To undo Mr. Pasqua's influence there, Mr. Chirac has brought out of retirement a veteran Africa hand, Jacques Foccart, 81.

Mr. Seguin, the speaker of Parliament, is credited with a major role in Mr. Chirac's success, but he has stayed out of the government because he considers himself a potential prime minister if Mr. Juppé stumbles.

To deliver on Mr. Chirac's campaign pledges to attack unemployment and move government away from bureaucrats and closer to voters' real concerns, the cabinet includes new portfolios to deal with urban slums, the homeless and social exclusion.

The government's control over criminal investigations will be split between Mr. Toubon, who is considered Mr. Chirac's staunchest personal ally, and Jean-Louis Debré, the interior minister and a veteran in the Gaullist party apparatus.

**■ The French Cabinet** 

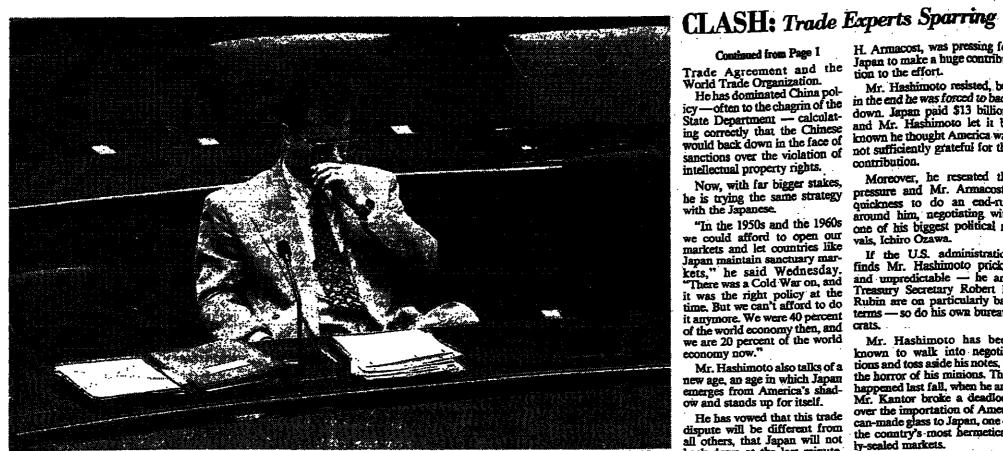
Prime Minister: Alain Juppe. Justice: Jacques Toubon, Bernard Pons. Foreign Attairs: Hervé de Charette

Defense: Charles Millon. Interior: Jean-Lauis Debré. Parliamentary Relations: Roger Labor: Jacques Barrol. Culture: Philippe Douste-Blazy. Economic Development: Jean Arthul State Retorm and Decembralization: C Civil Service: Jean Puech.

Griculture: Philippe Vasseur.

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Veterans Attairs: Plerre Pasaulni



Foreign Minister Kinkel at a Bundestag debate in Bonn on Thursday. He has been blamed for his party's misfortunes.

### DUO: Chirac, With Kohl, Vows to Keep Strong Franc

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French-German entente doesn't change either. Mr. Kohl congratulated Mr. Chirac on his victory, calling

him "an old friend." But he made clear that Germany would continue to press for closer integration among the 15 member nations of the Euro-

pean Union. "What we don't want is a deluxe free-trade area, but what we want is European integration," Mr. Kohl said. "Europe will have a future if Germans and French stand together shoulder to shoulder."

German officials expressed concern that Mr. Chirac would take a more nationalistic stance about pending reform of the European Union, frustrating German ambitions to strengthen the powers of the European Parliament and narrow the scope of national veto power in sensitive areas like foreign policy and judicial and police coop-

eration

rency union without France hostility to proposals to deepen EU integration. because the only other potential partners, like the Netherlands

But for all the issues that and Austria, are too small. could divide them ahead, the Jean-Jacques de Peretti, an one-hour meeting and a subseeconomic adviser to Mr. quent dinner here was essential-Chirac, said doubts about Mr. ly a personal one for the two Chirac's support for a strong men, an opportunity for each to currency were misplaced. "He take the measure of the other and begin building the rapport is without doubt the man most that has characterized Frenchfocused on the strong franc," he German relations since the days told RTL radio.

of de Gaulle and Adenauer. On currency matters, Mr. Chirac's dilemma is clear. He has made it his first priority to slash the country's 12.3 percent unemployment rate but has almost no spending room if he wants to meet the Maastricht treaty's timetable for a single

currency. France's budget deficit has ballooned to around 5 percent of national output, well above the single-currency limit of 3 percent.

"Without France making a serious effort to reduce its budget deficit over the next two "It will be up to us to stop the years, the prospect for mone-French from hiding behind the tary union is very bleak," said a British position," a senior Ger- senior EU official. The underman official said, referring to standing, he added, is that Ger-Prime Minister John Major's many would never enter a cur-

seemed almost as sharply divid-ed over the direction of policy Despite the misfortunes of his allies, Mr. Kohl has maintained his trademark optimism although the appointment and the coalition in Bonn ap-Wednesday of Alain Juppé, a pears secure. Riding a flourishpro-European, as prime minising economy and an apparent ter had swayed the balance crest of public goodwill, the Investors, however, remember that in 1992, when France have his way in Bonn regardless

The recent setbacks have

## Planning to Quit

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the rank-and-file at a party con-Financial analysts, however,

he has held ever since.

### KINKEL:

of the Free Democrats' wobbly was sinking into economic re-

#### the CIA station in Tokyo. This is hardly the first time

vention; that crisis followed a federal election in which the Free Democrats narrowly won enough votes to remain in the Bundestag, Parliament's lower house, and to provide Mr. Kohl with a governing majority for another four years.

chancellor appears to believe he is amassing sufficient clout to

been bitter for the Free Democrats, who have been junior partners in all but two of the 17 governments formed in Bonn since 1949. After serving with the Social Democrats from 1969 until 1982, the Free Democrats changed horses to the Christian Democrats, giving Mr. Kohl the chancellor's office

#### U.S. demands have gotten Mr. Hashimoto's back up. During the Gulf War in 1991, when he

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Trade Agreement and the

He has dominated China pol-

ing correctly that the Chinese

would back down in the face of

sanctions over the violation of

Now, with far bigger stakes,

"In the 1950s and the 1960s

we could afford to open our

markets and let countries like

Japan maintain sanctuary mar-

kets," he said Wednesday.

There was a Cold War on, and

it was the right policy at the

time. But we can't afford to do

it anymore. We were 40 percent

of the world economy then, and

we are 20 percent of the world

Mr. Hashimoto also talks of a

He has vowed that this trade

dispute will be different from

all others, that Japan will not

back down at the last minute

new age, an age in which Japan

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he is trying the same strategy

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World Trade Organization.

was finance minister, the U.S.

Kremlin.

#### "We have to adapt to the needs of our guests," he shrugs.

off a dozen notes to pay the \$1,100 tab and ambled back to

ambassador to Tokyo, Michael

"They love to shop for the most exclusive name brands, spend a lot of time on the beach and go off gambling at night," said Michel Palmer, director of the Negresco Hotel, a Belle Epoque architectural masterpiece whose 18-foot (5.5-meter) crystal chandelier holds special appeal for Russian guests. It is one of two crafted by the House of Baccarat at the behest of the Czar Nicholas II: the other illuminates the Great Hall of the

Mr. Palmer has ordered up a Russian menu at the hotel's plush Chantecler restaurant, where Slavic palates are more inclined toward meat, potatoes and vodica than toward the subtler arts of French caisine.

### **BUDGET:** House Passes Measure

But as Republicans them-

selves acknowledged, the gov-

farmed out to the states, corpo-

ballooning Medicare program

Democrat after Democrat

accused the majority of pillag-

ing the government programs

aimed at society's most helpless

placed on a strict fiscal diet.

"It puts us completely at logger-Continued from Page 1 heads with them; we are furious with both the Israelis and the nual federal spending would still rise, albeit more slowly, to \$1.8 trillion.

EU sources say postponement of a long-delayed trade agreement with Israel could be the first tangible result. "I do ernment would be a far smaller not see how we can go on with this at the moment," said anand less-encompassing enterother senior EU source. erous: In all likelihood, many

as Mr. Chirac's own advisers.

heavily in favor of continuity.

cession, Alain Madelin, a mili-

tant free-marketer who was

named to the powerful post of

finance minister, argued for

severing the link between the

franc and the Deutsche mark so

that interest rates could be cut

and the economy could get a

Arabs Angered

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pean Commission official said.

**VETO:** 

Americans."

Relations between the EU, the biggest single donor to the Palestinians, and Israel were already tense over an Israeli refusal to allow aid money to reach Arab East Jerusalem.

A last-minute effort at the United Nations to replace the resolution with a Secunity Council presidential statement, which carries less weight, failed Wednesday after Russia proposed a draft that was still too strong for Washington and too weak for the Palestinians, who wanted a formal vote.

Diplomats said Russia had introduced the alternative with the encouragement of Washington, though it was clear that a majority would back the original resolution, which had been debated and watered down since last week.

The resolution, which carried no sanctions or other punitive consequences, asked Israel "to rescind the expropriation and to refrain from such action in The resolution, introduced

on behalf of the Palestinians by Oman, with the joint sponsorship of Botswana, Honduras. Indonesia, Nigeria and Rwanda, declared the expropriation of the land in Jerusalem in late April illegal under earlier UN resolutions, a statement the U.S. delegation called "legally questionable."
"This council is not able —

and should not seek — to try to resolve sensitive issues in the Middle East peace process," Madeleine K. Albright, the chief U.S. representative, said in a statement to the council. "That is for the parties, who must live with the outcome of those negotiations.

"The United States has expressed the view that the Israeli notice to expropriate land in Jerusalem is unhelpful. Clearly, this Israeli decision does not move the peace process in the right direction. But by injecting the council into this issue, this resolution would merely compound the problem."

But a U.S. official also described the resolution as "politically stupid" because it could cause Israel to become even more hard-line on the issue of land rights. (Reuters, NYT) Medicaid and subsidized loans

"If the American people are given a moment to consider it, they will find the Republican budget is so much more reckless, so much more extreme than any budget that has come before, it really belongs in the Guinness Book of World Re
"This place has prise. It also would be less gencords," Representative Gephardt said.

welfare programs would be "To make it worse, what is rate and individual subsidies all this for? It's for a tax cut abolished or reduced, and the that lavishes the most on those who have the most."

Democrats said the Republican proposal would slash Medicare benefits, reduce the quality of care and raise its cost to retirees by more than \$3,500 over seven years.

— the poor, the elderly, the uneducated — to fatten the Republicans said they would monied class. They were particularly enraged by Republican soend \$1.6 trillion on Medicare over the next seven years, twice plans to reduce the growth of as much as in the last seven spending on programs that had vears, and that annual spending been the pillars of Democratic would continue to rise by 5.4 policy for decades: Medicare, percent, on average.

### Harold C. Deutsch, Dies, World War II Historian

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Harold Charles Deutsch, 90, a retired University of Minnesota historian who wrote extensively on World War II, the German military and postwar Europe, died of kidney failure Sunday at his home in White Bear Township, Minnesota.

Mr. Deutsch's familiarity with Europe went back to the 1920s and 1930s when he studied at the University of Paris, the University of Vienna and the University of Berlin. He joined the Minnesota faculty in 1929 and retired in 1972.

During that period he spent 10 years in Europe, becoming fluent in German and French He served overseas in World War II as head of research for the Office of Strategic Services, a forerunner of the CIA. Shortly before he died, he fin-

ished work as editor and contributor to a book, "What If: The Might-Have-Beens of World War II." The university said it is expected to be published this summer.

He is also author of "The Conspiracy Against Hitler in the Twilight War" and "Hitler and His Generals: The Hidden Crisis, January-June 1938." Eric Porter, 67, Stage Actor And Star of Torsyte Saga' LONDON (Reuters) - Eric

Porter, 67, a reclusive British drama "The Forsyte Saga," now believed to spend most of died Monday in a North London hospital while being treatnear Marbella. ed for colon cancer.

Mr. Porter will be best remembered for playing the hero Soames Forsyte in "The Forsyte Saga," a role that won him many awards. The period drama was one of the most successful in the history of the BBC.

that led to the discovery that U.S. government funds were being sent illegally to anti-San- from the Russian matia, or dinista fighters in Nicaragua, worse. died Tuesday at his home in

Dr. Hao Wang, 73, a logician who sought a way to link math-The Reverend Benjamin C.

not sufficiently grateful for the contribution. Moreover, he resented the pressure and Mr. Annacost's quickness to do an end-run

H. Annacost, was pressing for

Japan to make a huge contribu-

Mr. Hashimoto resisted, but

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one of his biggest political rivals, Ichiro Ozawa. If the U.S. administration finds Mr. Hashimoto prickly and unpredictable - he and Treasury Secretary Robert F. Rubin are on particularly bad terms — so do his own bureau-

around him, negotiating with

Mr. Hashimoto has been known to walk into negotiations and toss aside his notes, to the horror of his minions. That happened last fall, when he and Mr. Kantor broke a deadlock over the importation of American-made glass to Japan, one of the country's most hermetically-scaled markets.

"He's pragmatic, realistic," Whether he is bluffing is the Mr. Kantor said of his sparring subject of endless speculation partner. "I don't see him as an in State Department cables and the analysis that pours out of

impediment." Whether Mr. Hashimoto will be an impediment is unclear. He has often accused Mr. Kantor of moving the goal posts, and has wondered aloud whether the Clinton administration really wants an agreement.

RIVIERA: A Refuge for Russians

The Americans used to be first, now they are number four. The Russians have their own special pleasures, and they pay cash."

The more serious Russian money, however, comes here looking for something other than tourism. The World Bank has estimated capital flight since the collapse of communism at close to \$50 billion; with the ruble plunging, crime and corruption souring and political stability still a question mark, many affluent Russians are searching desperately for safe places abroad to park their

In a remarkably short time, Rússian money has become a big player in some of Europe's most prized real estate markets. Besides the liferich Rivera, the Russians are buying up apartments and villas along Spain's Costa del Sol and the Turkish coast, in Cyprus and Greece,

and even the heart of London. Sensing an opportunity for big profits, Yladimir Ponomarenko moved to Nice four years ago from Moscow to set up a business to help fellow Russian investors who wanted to protect their wealth and rediscover the delights that first attracted the

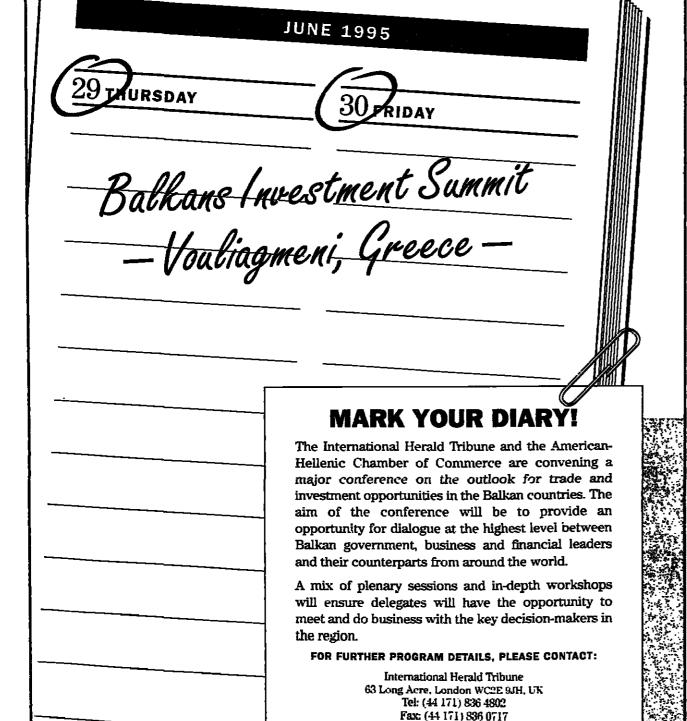
"This place has everything that Russians want: pleasant people, warm weather and a special historical tie to the homeland," Mr. Ponomarenko said while sitting in his office near the Nice airport. "Since the situation is so unclear back home, it is only natural that more and more people are trying to get their money out by putting it into foreign property or banks. I tell my friends this is the place where they should

Besides a place to preserve their nest eggs, wealthy Russians also are looking for other kinds of security. With rich families in Moscow and St. Petersburg becoming targets for kidnapping, extortion or even assassination, Mr. Ponomarenko says many of them are eagerly looking for other residences located in the relative

safety of Western Europe. These exiles include Vladimir Gusinsky, chairman of the banking and real estate conglomerate known as the Most group, who is reputed to be Russia's wealthiest citizen. He stage actor best known for his has purchased extensive propleading role in the television erty in Spain and London and is drama "The Forsyte Saga," now believed to spend most of

By purchasing property for himself and his Russian clients, Mr. Ponomarenko estimates he has invested about \$40 million in the Riviera's economy. To his chagrin, his efforts to build economic bridges between Nice and Moscow have not been en-Harry E. Bergold Jr., 63, an official and diplomat who provided information to journalists poked into his affairs in the apparent suspicion that he might be laundering money

decorated for attracting investments that help create jobs for the local French economy, but ematics to philosophy, died of here I get asked all sorts of hymphoma Saturday at New questions by the tax police," he complained. "I'm not interested in handling dirty money; mine Bubar Jr., 77, the former leader is clean. But if this kind of ha-of the Maine Christian Civic rassment continues, the French League and twice a third-party are going to scare off Russian presidential candidate, investors, just like they scared died Monday in Waterville, off the Americans and the Aj-



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## **Gondoliers Sing the Blues Venice Canal Cleanup Is Hurting Business**

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

VENICE — It has been almost 50 years since Venice last cleaned its canals, and the dirt and smell were beginning to get out of hand, as when any housecleaning is put off too long.

Venetians themselves, typically defensive about the city's periodic and characteristic bad odor, had to admit that the smell was a bit strong, particularly in the back canals where at low tide there was only 15 inches of water, sloshing over six feet of mud.

In some neighborhoods, the mud was so high that fire and ambulance boats couldn't get through. Even gondoliers were unable to get their sleek black vessels through the muck.

Yet, now that the city has begun dredging its internal waterways, who is complaining? The gondoliers of course, whose livelihood depends on the canals and on the tourists who pay about \$75 for a halfhour glide through darkened

"It is a tragedy for those of us who work this job," said Stefano, 36, a gondolier who refused to give his last name. He berths his gondola in a small canal near the opera house, Teatro La Fenice, where the city has already blocked off several sections of canals for dredging.

"I am not saying they should not clean the canals, I am saying it should be done quickly," Stefano said as he steered the gondola through a circuitous route around the closed areas. "But we can only protest so much, because these things are necessary."

The complaints prompted the Institute for the Conservation of the Gondola and the Protection of the Gondolier to call for a demonstration by gondoliers, but that was put off when the city agreed to speed the work and to consult with the gondoliers before shutting off particular-

Luckily, both the Grand

and the Giudecca canals the two largest — get a twice-daily scouring by tidal waters.

Fulvio Scarpa, leader of the city's 403 gondoliers, said they still insist on reopening the canals around La Fenice by May 30, or else they will go ahead with plans to block off 10 canals. "And if that doesn't work, we will end up closing off the Grand Canal,"

The canal-cleaning project has already been much de-

'I am not saying they should not clean the canals. I am saying it should be done quickly. But we can only protest so much, because these things are necessary. A gondolier

This time, it took a national law, passed in 1992, and then more than a year of inter-jurisdictional quarreling to figure out who had the responsibility for the \$10 mil-

lion project Dirty canals are the least romantic of Venice's problems. Several years ago, the world responded with alarm to reports that the city was sinking, but that threat subsided after industries on the mainland were ordered to protect the water table.

The elaborate \$5 billion Moses project, a flexible seawall with a series of flap gates that would stretch along the lagoon and block high tides from reaching the city, has been put on hold, awaiting

further study. After they drain the canals of water, the next task is to get rid of the mud, which is ping 500 cubic meters (17,660 cubic feet). When Venice last cleaned its canals, in the 1950s, the mud was dumped

in the lagoon. Now, with new environmental laws in force, it must be separated and catalogued. with the most polluted part sent to the treatment plant and the least polluted destined to shore up two islands in the lagoon, including San Michele, which is Venice's

cemetery. Dredging finally began in October, starting in the La Fenice neighborhood where a mile of canals is being

drained in 100-yard sections. Over the next 20 years, Venice hopes to drain and clean all 30 miles of its internal waterways, but Giovanni Sandri, who heads the city's technical office, said the cost of finishing the job would be 10 times the budgeted amount.

"In general terms, there has never been so radical an intervention in the city canals," Mr. Sandri said. "It is not just a cleaning. We have to take out the mud, reinforce the foundations of the buildings, public and private, and modernize the sewer system." Under a formula that dates

pays 75 percent of the cost of reinforcing foundations of private houses. Venice's sewerage is a touchy matter, since there are

back to the republic, the city

no pipes linking the old part of the city to its treatment Most palazzos have their own septic tanks, but there is a certain amount of seepage the city engineers estimate 10 to 20 percent - which explains much of the spussa,

Venetian dialect. Venetians insist this particular smell is no more unhealthy than the smog and pollution of automobileclogged cities.

the word for stench in the

"I must demythologize the smell of Venice," Sandri said. The bad smell happens only a few times, when it is very hot, and the pressure is low.

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### **Panel Votes** To Merge 3 Agencies in State Dept.

By Thomas W. Lippman
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON --- On a straight party-line vote, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved a bill to abolish three government for-eign policy agencies and merge them in shrunken form into a reorganized State Department.

Barring a revolt on the Senate floor —unlikely, given the solid Republican support and a pledge from the majority lead-er, Senator Bob Dole, to push the bill through by July 4 - the vote appears to doom the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the U.S. Information Agency and the Agency for In-ternational Development, which administers foreign aid.

They would be sharply reduced in size and mission over the next two years, then merged into the State Department.

A similar measure has been approved by the House International Relations Committee. Several thousand jobs would be abolished, and AID posts overseas would be eliminated. The Senate bill includes \$225 million to be spent in fiscal 1996 and 1997 for "transition activities," including buyouts.

The administration opposes the merger, but Republican strategists are trying to make the bill veto-proof by including the reorganization and what remains of foreign aid funding in the same measure.

Representative Robert L. Livingston, the House Appropriations Committee chairman. has pledged not to appropriate any money for international operations next year unless the authorization measure has been approved first.

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GOING WITH THE GRAIN - Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the Cambodian prime minister, being carried Thursday to attend the Chrot Prea Neang Korl ceremony marking the beginning of the rice season in the country.

### Orthodox Jews in Israel Flip Their Wigs

By Barton Gellman Washington Past Service

JERUSALEM - For six months or more there was only a poster campaign that brought a rarefied Talmudic debate to

Wigs, declared the anonymous authors, are wanton and immodest and in no way adequate head coverings for married worn-

"When the Messiah comes, the first thing he will do is eliminate the wig," proclaimed one such message on the walls and kiosks of Jerusalem's rigorously Orthodox Jewish neighborhoods. "A woman who wears a wig is preparing herself for

Aliza Lipshitz, who owned a wig shop and found that poster outside her door, was unpersuaded. A married woman, she agreed, must not display her naked hair in public. But wigs are thought sufficient cover among the rabbis of her strict Gur Hasidic sect, and most of her customers were ultra-Orthodox Jews.

Then, two weeks ago, someone burned the Lady Wig Salon to a hollow shell.

After two decades in the same storefront in the Geula neighborhood, which is adjacent to the better-known Orthodox enclave of Mea Shearim, Mrs. Lipshitz arrived to an acrid stench of burned synthetics beneath the charred sign advertising her "big collection of hats and fashion accessories." Now many of Mrs. Lipshitz's neighbors are waiting for the other shoe to drop.

Provocations like this, they say, do not tend to go unanswered in disputes among haredim — the preferred self-description of the rigorously Orthodox, from the He-brew word for those who tremble before

Menachem Friedman, a sociologist and an authority on ultra-Orthodox society. said these Jewish fundamentalists were fighting "an ongoing war" of religious culture that spills only irregularly into open

The police say the fire was clearly arson, but they have no suspects in custody and acknowledge that Jewish fundamentalists prefer to solve their problems among

Coercion is common enough in rigorously Orthodox disputes, but it does not tend to make headlines here unless it has some effect on the majority of secular

It often does. By stoning cars and blocking streets, the rigorously Orthodox have gradually put more and more of Jerusalem off-limits to automotive traffic on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. And billboard advertisers were forced years ago to stop displaying women in bathing suits on bus shelters after Orthodox protesters began burning the advertisements, shelter and

What distinguishes the war of the wigs from these other battles? Tamar Elor, a professor at Hebrew University, said that this time they were not burning some secular store. She's an Orthodox woman selling something that Orthodox women

Ms. Elor, the author of a book on rigor ously Orthodox women, said flashes of violence often marked the inner conflicts of the haredi world. Some are small incursions at the borders of traditional influence among the sects. Other violence is the work of individuals who want to show by bold acts that they are righteous. And some comes from the minorities who light back when they feel their customs are

"This community is all the time rearranging itself," Ms. Flor said. "It's not a frozen community?

The argument over wigs is a serious religious matter to Jews. Since the Middle Ages, Jewish men have used a skullcap to express their hamility before God. For married women, the obligation to cover the hair is one of sexual purity, to avoid tempting other men.

Wigs began as a custom of the Ashkenazi, the Yiddish-speaking Jews of Eastern Europe. The Sephandic Jews, of Middle Eastern and North African origin, urge women to wear head scarves or hats in-

Women of the strictest European sects shave their heads and wear only black scarves to cover their baldness.

At the Lady Wig Salon's blackened fa-cade, Yossi Berkowitz, a yeshiva student, said most religious disputes were resolved by rabbis, as they should be. "I am absolutely opposed to any sort of thing like

But other neighbors said violence was far from rare.

#### **BOOKS**

KNOTTED TONGUES: Stuttering in History and the Quest for a Cure By Benson Bobrick, 240 pages. \$22. Simon and Schuster.

Reviewed by Richard Restak

Think of yourself on the highway. It's dark. You're in a hurry. No traffic. You squeeze on the gas. Suddenly, out of nowhere, directly in front of you, looms the terrifying back of a huge truck. You slam on the brakes, spin the wheel, swerve, pray. Anything to keep from colliding." This is a description by a young stutters of scription by a young stutterer of how it feels to suddenly en-counter a stutter-inducing

Some 2.5 million Americans and 55 million people world-wide stutter. The disorder, which afflicts men four times as frequently as it does women, typically emerges between the ages of 2 and 7, when the child begins to perfect muscle co-ordination and language skills.

Once established, the disorder varies greatly in expression. Some stutterers are at their worst with strangers, others with intimates; some stutter more when in conversation, others when reading aloud. The most taxing experiences for al-most all of them involve speaking on the telephone, saying their own name or carrying out introductions.

In this work, Benson Bobrick, a historian who is himself a former stutterer, provides an illuminating and insightful, though sometimes repetitious centuries.

after her early death "as a way of clinging to some part of her once she was gone.

Stutterers also employ varyingly successful methods of coping. Lewis Carroll and Winston Churchill discovered that they did best by preparing their comments well in advance; Cotton Mather relied on a slow, deliberate delivery; Henry James regularly interjected "mm," "er" and "ah" into his

speech. Stutterers have also relied on various maneuvers to avoid "a difficult sound." Sentences may be scanned ahead and a synonym resorted to. If none your system. According to readily comes to mind, the entire Ronald Webster of the Hollins sentence may be reconstructed.

A theory extending back to stitute, stuttering is an inher-Aristotle postulates a difficulty ited, physically based "motor moving the tongue into position control disorder 'involving unfor the utterance of successive sounds. Treatment consisted of the 100 or so muscles involved gargling with solutions of peannyroyal, hyssop and thyme. If bance in auditory feedback (the that did not work, surgical dissurger hearing his own

emphasis shifted from the tors. frenum to the tongue's intrinsic A neurological organization. Sur- on Webster's theory emphatongue." Enthusiasm for these mutilating, dangerous and painful operations waned in the face of a blistering attack on the procedure in 1841 in the En-glish medical journal Lancet.

Competing theories of causation emphasized psychological rather than physical causes. Psychoanalysts concentrated on "fixation theories," especially conflicts over excremental function, with stuttering considered analogous to constipation. Today most experts believe

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section was carried out on the speech). Since the average perfrenum, the ligament attached to the bottom of the tongue, which was thought to restrain or bridle its movement.

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America, is reading "Haben

oder Sein" (To Have or To Be) by Erich Fromm.

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(Lawrence Malkin, IHT)

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neurological or language pro-cessing involved," concludes Bobrick.

By Alan Truscott

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lyst many happy hours of head-scratching. (No bidding is giv-en.) The one shown in the diagram is from a section titled "Not too hard."

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### INTERNATIONAL

# Thousands Stranded in Zaire

# Virus Quarantine Blocks Roads to Kinshasa

MONGATA, Zaire - Several thousand people fleeing from an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus were stranded Thursday on the road to Kinshasa by quarantine roadblocks, as the confirmed cases in and around Kikwit, the town they left behind, continued to grow.

The World Health Organization in Geneva said Thursday that 114 cases of infection by the virus had been identified in that 114 cases of infection by the virus had been identified in southwestern Zaire and that 79 people had died, compared with 101 cases and 77 deaths reported.

At M'Bangana, a village 100 miles from Kinshasa, 3,000 people fleeing toward the capital have been stopped. Some 101 cases and 77 deaths reported.

cent said that the dead included medical supplies. three of its Zairian volunteer workers, while a fourth was termed beyond medical aid.

WHO said most of the cases

were in and around Kikwit, where the epidemic started with an infection in a hospital in late March or early April.

The average age of victims so far is 35, and just over half are men. The death toll represents a cultural produce from Zaire's mortality rate of 69 percent, but doctors expect that to increase. Many people stranded on the road were in Mongata, about 90 miles (150 kilometers) from Kinshasa, the capital. Many were traders taking foodstuffs

to Kinshasa They are terrified of returnbut the authorities will not let them into Kinshasa either.

area around Kikwit, 300 miles east of Kinshasa. Central authorities

At the barricades, paramilitary police have replaced civil guard units, who reportedly had been letting truck drivers ed it to the whole of Bandundu. through in exchange for bribes. One driver said that this practice appeared to have been completely stamped out and that strict quarantine was being en-

101 cases and 77 deaths reported William 101 cases and 77 deaths reported Wednesday, in The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Cressent said that the dead included

before the quarantine.

when there is an epidemic.'

(Reuters, AFP)

"They are spending the night in the open. Their living condi-tions are atrocious," Laurent Munkala, the mayor, said.

The regional governor, Payanzo Nsono, said the quarantine was disrupting the region's economy.

Mongata is a small stopping

breadbasket, which supplies the capital with up to 50 percent of its food needs. More than 2,000 people were stranded there.
"We have to revise the quar-

antine," Mr. Payanzo said.
"Now we can have other people dying. We shouldn't let those who are alive die."

ing to Bandundu Province, The quarantine initially ap-where the virus is spreading, plied to travel to and from the



A Zairian woman waiting in the emergency ward of Kikwit General Hospital with a relative brought in suffering from the symptoms of the Ebola virus.

### U.S. Entry Points Alerted For Travelers From Zaire

ATLANTA — U.S. immigration officials have been asked to be alert for people arriving from Zaire who may show symptoms of the Ebola virus, U.S. health officials said Thurs-

"There is a heightened awareness among inspectors for persons incoming from Zaire who may show signs of illness," said Bob Howard, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The agency asked the immigration service to give arriving passengers "yellow cards which advise that there is an outbreak of Ebola in Zaire," Mr. Howard said.

He said the cards briefly describe the symptoms of Ebola so that people may be aware if they develop them after arriving in the United States. The agency took similar precautions last year after an outbreak of plague in India.

"Transmission usually occurs by direct contact with infected blood, secretions, organs or semen," it said. "Otherwise, the risk of infection is believed to be very low."

The health agency recommends that visitors to Zaire stay out of areas where outbreaks have occurred and contact the U.S. Embassy for further information. It says symptoms of Ebola disease appear 2 to 21 days after infection and initial symptoms include the abrupt onset of fever and headache.

iay detamed at Toronto Airport a 26year-old Zairian man whose mother died recently in the area savaged by the deadly virus, but it said he was well and showed no signs of being infectious.

Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Taiwan, meanwhile, joined many other Asian countries Thursday in drawing up measures to

monitor people arriving from Africa.

Pakistan has ordered medical checks on crew members of ships arriving from African ports, and is keeping a close watch on air passengers, health officials said.

Air travelers arriving in Colombo who have visited Zaire in the previous 21 days will be kept under surveillance, but there

were no plans for enforced quarantine, the Health Ministry

Taiwan said passengers arriving from Africa, particularly from Zaire and Sudan, would have to report to the quarantine service for checks before entering the country, an official said.

### **Maori Activists Abandon** Protest in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — About 150 Maori activists abandoned a protest in the asserted one of the protest leadtown of Wanganui and ers, Ken Mair. marched peacefully from a pub-lic garden they had occupied

ended their 11-week occupation of a memorial garden to white colonists who fought Maori tribesmen 130 years ago.

Colonization of New Zearand.

Maori groups have hundreds of claims outstanding for land that was taken by white settlers.

The government's attempt to

test are issues that will not go proposal to sell land to foreign

We are going to stand up and fight for what is rightfully

At the heart of the dispute are injustices, acknowledged by and claimed as ancestral land.

Faced with a court-ordered eviction notice, the protesters colonization of New Zealand.

tribesmen 130 years ago.

But the land grievances, sovereignty claims and economic disparities that sparked the product of the claims has heightened Maori resentment, and its nterests has provoked outrage.

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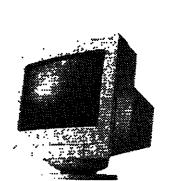


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### The \$100,000 Lexus

The Clinton administration's desire to pry open Japan's closed automobile market is understandable. But Bill Clinton's decision to impose 100 percent tariffs on Lexus, Infiniti and other luxury imports is mistaken and unnecessary. It seems designed more to mend the president's relations with American unions than to resolve trade differences with Japan. American sanctions violate the trade accord that the United States signed with more than 100 trading partners last year. Flouting international law betrays America's historic role as a defender of open trade conducted under fair rules that are

honored by countries large and small. The United States complains that the structure of Japan's auto market and regulatory barriers obstructs imports and nullifies Japan's trade commitments. But this valid complaint should be taken to the new World Trade Organization, which was created with U.S. support to help untangle this kind of trade dispute. The two countries have already re-solved many of their disagreements. Japan agreed to open more dealerships to U.S. manufacturers and to dismantle reg-

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tions of imported auto parts. But the Japanese government remains unwilling to pressure manufacturers like Toyota to buy more U.S. parts for their new models. The United States should not demand that any government, even the Japanese, manage private industry. The basis for the U.S. demand — that Toyota and other manufacturers turn to local suppli-

ulatory burdens, including costly inspec-

ers without giving U.S. companies a fair shot — is weak. After all, Toyota has a perfect right to tie itself even more rigidly to its suppliers, even through merger, without fear of violating any trade principles. It is hard to imagine the U.S. government telling General Motors and other U.S. manufacturers that they cannot

produce many of their own parts.

Japan has vowed to haul the United States before the WTO for imposing unilateral sanctions. Japan will almost surely win the case and authorization to retaliate. It could then impose sanctions against U.S. exports like computers, software or aircraft. At that point the trade war would threaten the jobs of Americans in ways that the initial sanctions on high-priced Japanese autos do not.

The new U.S. tariffs will not go into effect until next month. By then, Japan may accept the U.S. demands. But even if it does, the Clinton strategy would be shortsighted. If the United States ignores its fair trade obligations, other countries will surely follow. Imposing sanctions also risks rupturing relations with a country which shares important security interests with A rica.

Having started down the wrong road, President Clinton can still turn back by pocketing the agreements on dealerships and parts inspections and declaring victory. He could then refer remaining issues to the WTO. That way there would be neither a trade war nor bruised relations with an important ally.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Ex-Yugoslavia: Seek Compromise and Stop Faking

PARIS — Nobody knows what to do about the unending war in ex-Yugoslavia, so once again the intervention powers are passing the buck and waiting for something to turn up.

At this point, that means looking to the new French government of President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Alain Juppe. France has contributed the most troops to the United Nations force and taken a high share of its casualties. As foreign minister until this week, Mr. Juppe has been the most vocal Western leader in

insisting that the status quo is intolerable. It has been tolerated all this time, however, because all the contemplated options look so bad. The United Nations has reached the point where it refuses its military commander's request for NATO air retaliation after even the most outrageous provocation for fear of further attacks by the belligerents.

The Sarajevo siege has been intensified again. UN "protected areas" have turned out to be areas where the UN troops are not even allowed to protect themselves. They are scarcely able to carry out the very limited mission of protecting the delivery of humanitarian supplies to civilians. "Peacekeeping" has been made a dysphemism, if that word may be invented as the opposite of euphemism By Flora Lewis

-turning a good deed into a bad word. As Mr. Juppe sees it, the choice is to give the "peacekeepers" a much stronger mandate to shoot back, a mandate that NATO has all along said it is ready to enforce from the air as requested, or to pull out. The United States supports an aggressive defense of the UN resolutions," in the State Department spokesman's words, but it offers only words.

There is bluff all the way. The kind of shoot-back policy really likely to make a difference after so much limp acquies-cence would require a big reinforcement in men and arms that nobody wants to provide, if the UN soldiers are not to be helpless hostages. It has been estimated that it would take 40,000 more, including 20,000 promised by the United States, just to evacuate the existing force with reasonable safety.

Nobody really wants to do that, either. Not only would it mean a tremendous humiliation for the United Nations and its major states, but the smoldering war would empt into a devastating conflagra-

tion and probably spread.

The dilemma is a lot like stages that Robert McNamara now describes in the

American war in Vietnam, where whatever is done makes things worse. The temptation was to grasp at improbable straws: now a new leader, now a bombing halt for unlikely negotiations. In Yugoslavia, the equivalent is trying to lure Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic into cutting off rebel Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia by promising to lift some sanctions.

There isn't much chance. But Milan Martic president of the rebel "Serbian Republic" in Croatia, warns that even the idea of some moderates in his own area of coming to terms with Zagreb will lead to heavier fighting and missile attacks on the Croatian capital.

The "contact group" (France, Britain, Germany, Russia, United States) stumbles on with failed plans for negotiations, for lack of decisive capacity. This is another will-o'-the-wisp "light at the end of the tunnel" to avoid admitting that international efforts to "do something" about Yugoslavia have broken down and there

are no good prospects.

It is even becoming the diplomatic fashion to say that these efforts haven't failed, because the four-year-old war isn't already much bigger.

I have argued for some time that the war will not be stopped until the focus is shifted to search for a political solution

reassembling the former Yugoslav repub-lic into some kind of confederation, and furthermore, devising a plan for general Balkan security and economic development. But I recognize that this effort is getting harder, not easier, to launch as the atrocities pile up and the contact group powers quarrel among themselves.

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Still, it is impossible just to shut up and forget the hapless ex-Yugoslavs, as has been done with Liberia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and others who have not managed to weigh on Western fears and conscience. Perhaps the first need is to take one of the lessons from Vietnam: Stop lying, dissembling, encouraging

false hopes of peace.

Mr. Juppé is right that the status quo isn't tolerable. Since nobody else will, France should take the lead with a new proposal. But a "stronger" United Nations mandate isn't enough. A mandate to enforce what? If it is only to contain the war until the belligerents exhaust themselves, let that be said, get out of the way and hold the ring.

There are only two ways to end wars, and they don't involve justice. One is undeniable defeat of one side; the other is negotiated compromise. We aren't moving either way, so the war goes on.

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## Wake Up, OECD: Concerted Development Assistance Isn't Optional

By James Gustave Speth The writer is administrator of the United Nations Development Program.

NEW YORK — When the OECD Council of Ministers meets in Paris next week, the ministers should look beyond their own problems and consider how the rich can revitalize their commitment to the poor, before crises multiply around the world.

The poorer countries do not need more "foreign aid" of the Cold War variety, but they do need development assistance, and more of it. OECD development assistance has now declined for two years in a row.

Two widely believed myths need to be dispelled if this trend is to be reversed

The first is that the developing world is doing rather well, on the whole. The second is that to the extent that some countries are not in good shape, and some are obviously not, it is basically their own fault. These countries should get their policies straight — including opening up to an expanding world

CAMBRIDGE, Massachu-setts — It takes a great

deal of fertilizer to feed the

world. Ammonium nitrate,

made by the millions of tons

out of air and water, and readi-

ly available in farm supply

stores, is equally serviceable as

an explosive and a plant food.

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federal building was bombed

in Oklahoma Čity. Now vic-

tims of that bombing have sued

the manufacturer of the ammo-

nium nitrate, asking why, since it can be rendered harmless,

Despite the carnage, this cor-

nucopia of destructive potential

flows on. Ten dollars buys all

the ammonium nitrate you can

carry. It can cost more to rent a

truck than to build a bomb. Last

year more than 4 billion pounds

was legally sold in the United

States — enough for literally a

million explosions as powerful

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But the American supply of

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they were put at risk.

It was sold without question

market - and enjoy the ride, the argument goes.

As to the first myth, it is true that there have been remarkable successes in human development. Average life expectancy in the developing world has increased by more than a third in the last 30 years. Primary school enrollment has increased to over 80 percent.

And the economic performance of some countries has been impressive. The eight high-per-forming East Asian economies registered average annual per capita income growth of about 5.5 percent from 1965 to 1990.

But the world is still a big place diverse, complicated and unfair. Desperation is still the lot of the majority of people.

Some 1.5 billion people live in extreme poverty. The conditions

Makings of Doom at 8 Cents a Pound

By Russell Seitz

ammonium nitrate could be de-

fused by following Britain and

Germany, where only blended

fertilizers are sold. The produc-

ers put in inert potassium and

phosphorus compounds to

make the ammonium nitrate

Europe learned the hard way.

In 1921 a multimillion-pound

detonation obliterated the

Rhineland town of Oppau, killing 560. From Halifax, Nova

Scotia, where some 3,400 died,

to Texas City (about 1,200

dead) memories still linger of

the shiploads that exploded. But

despite heroic efforts to halt

proliferation of weapons of

mass destruction, the shipping

of ammonium nitrate continues

It should worry regulators of nuclear materials and nerve gas

that at 8 cents a pound an atom

bomb's worth of explosive yield

is appallingly cheap — Hiroshi-ma and Nagasaki for half the

price of a small corporate jet.

In the absence of constant

vigilance, any terrorist organi-

zation with enough money

could load an aging supertank-er with a quarter-megaton of

content unexplodable.

of life for twice that number are deplorable. Tomorrow, as on any given day, about 67,000 babies will be born into families earning less than \$7 a week. That is almost 25 million people born into

a prison of poverty each year.
Worst off are the 47 countries we call least developed. With 10 percent of the world's people, they have 0.1 percent of the world's income. For more than two decades their per capita in-come, on average, has declined, not grown. Today it stands at about \$350. Their share of world trade declined from 0.6 percent in 1980 to 0.2 percent in 1992.

Meanwhile the world economy is expanding rapidly, and the share of the rich OECD countries in it has increased from 68 per-cent in 1960 to 72 percent in 1990.

ammonium nitrate and fuel oil.

A real danger resides in the thousands of barges and train-

loads of ammonium nitrate

that ply America's waterways

and rails unguarded every year.

There is little to prevent them

from being hijacked and to de-

fend the cities they transit. Last

year enough detonating cord

was stolen to set off thousands

Farming methods change

slowly, but other nitrogen fer-

tilizers already compete with

ammonium nitrate and could

displace it entirely. The De-

partment of Agriculture, which

has agents at the county level,

could assist by deploying tag-

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fertilizer and can be read like

bar codes to connect terrorists

Although the fertilizer in-

The writer, an associate of Har-

vard University's Olin Institute for

Strategic Studies, contributed this

comment to The New York Times.

to the source of the fertilizer.

dustry may object to the ex-pense, few in Oklahoma City

are likely to object.

of tons of ammonium nitrate

and fuel oil.

Cold War reflexes die hard.

A vast increase in inequality has occurred. In the last three decades the gap between the richest and poorest 20 percent of the world's people has doubled, from 30-fold to 60-fold.

As we approach the turn of the century, the economic, environmental and political crises that many developing countries con-front have taken on an urgency and a magnitude unparalleled in history. The list of countries in or near crisis is growing, spreading like a metastasized cancer.

No one would attribute today's problems solely to underdevelop-ment, but it is surely part of the disease. And development - sustainable, people-centered development - must always be part of the cure. Better to land development today than troops tomorrow.

But isn't trade, not aid, the answer? Can't private investment replace development assistance? Won't sufficient privatization and macroeconomic adjustment do the trick? Of course, each is important, indeed essential. But, while necessary, these measures by themselves are no panacea for

the developing world.

Consider that 75 percent of direct foreign investment in the developing world goes to fewer than a dozen countries. Just 6 percent goes to Africa, and 2 percent to the least developed countries. There is no correlation between need and direct foreign investment.

The recent GATT agreements are expected to benefit much of the developing world to only a limited degree, and Africa not at all. (Preliminary projections indicate that the new trade agreements will not reduce African poverty.) Meanwhile, the debt burden facing the developing world continues to mount, now reaching \$1.9 trillion. Sub-Saharan African debt payments are larger than that region's expendi-tures on health and education.

These and other challenges will not be met without continued international cooperation for development and without new and additional resources for development assistance — a fact recognized by essentially all governments at both the earth summit in 1992 and the

social summit this year. In many ways the past is a poor model. A new framework for development cooperation is needed in order to broaden cooperation - to look beyond financial aid and to include trade, debt management, private investment and capital flows, access to techno-logy, reduced military expenditures. These elements must all be made supportive of a more equitable and sustainable world, not

inimical to it. Regarding military spending, it is worth noting that world military expenditures equal the in-come of half the world's people both at about \$800 billion.

The new framework must help redefine the relationship between industrial and developing countries. Common interests and mutual needs provide the basic rationale for a new partnership.

Whatever today's threats to national security, far more pervasive are threats to human security the security of people in their daily lives -- in countries poor and sich. Many of these threats stem from world poverty, global mequity, joblessness, environmental deten-oration and social disintegration.

Economic, environmental and political problems do not need passports to travel around the globe. International compacts and partnerships should therefore be forged to realize common goals, whether focused on controlling the continuing devastation of the world's forests or climmating the worst aspects of world poverty. Such compacts should be based on the realization that it is far better - more effective. more humane, cheaper — to act preventively to attack root causes than to cope with the tragic con-

sequences of neglect. Most fundamentally, a new development cooperation framework must consolidate the emerging concept of sustainable people-centered development. Development thinking has evolved from a onedimensional concept with a near exclusive focus on aggregate economic performance to a richer, multidimensional concept with

people at its center. People have not been the predominant objectives of development policy in the past, or even of development assistance, and that is one reason the world today is in

so much trouble. Official development assistance is essential to launch, nourish and sustain this new framework for development cooperation. It is an essential part of the cost-sharing needed for global compacts addressing priority global objectives. It is an essential financial resource in capital-starved countries. And it is required to build the capacities needed to carry out adjustment programs and mitigate their often harsh effects.

It is essential as well to build the capacities of poorer countries to take advantage of international investment and trade opportunities. And it is essential to prevent crises and to cope with and then recover from them.

Make no mistake. The policies that the OECD countries adopt now with regard to official development assistance, the developing world and the United Nations are defining decisions.

None of the admirable goals that the international community has pursued around the world not peace, not human rights and democratization, not environmental protection, not population stabilization, not an end to hunger and extreme deprivation -can be accomplished except in the context of equitable, sustain-

able development.

And that kind of development does not have a snowball's chance in hell of succeeding unless we forge a new framework for development cooperation, and back it up with real commitment and fincial resources.

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### its market. The United States re-fused. It was not going to gang up

BRUSSELS — The United States has finally decided to act on its trade problems with Japan. It is right to act, wrong in

the action it has chosen. If the Japanese choose to work extremely hard for material rewards much smaller than those of their counterparts in the West, they can hardly be blamed. It is not for those whose economic problems are caused by living beyond their means to attack those who choose to live below them.

Nor can Japan reasonably be reproached for running a trade surplus with the United States. In a multilateral trading world of free-enterprise economies any country will run a pattern of surpluses and deficits. To impose some iron rule that neither should exceed a certain limit is mercantilism gone mad.
The real problem with Japan —

and where Washington is entirely right - is that the Japanese, by a range of devices such as cartelization, testing standards and private arrangements between companies, restrict imports.

Japan has derived great benefits from the massive reduction of world trade barriers in the last half-century. In so far as these have reflected hard work and good management, Japan has fully deserved them. But it has not paid its dues to the world trading club in terms of opening up its market to the same extent as its trading partners have done. What can be done? What the

new World Trade Organization

Address Japan at the WTO, Together By Roy Denman

> forbids is unilateral action by any. member which feels aggrieved. Understandably so, because no one would condone a citizen say-ing to another, "Unless within seven days you cut down that tree which is overshadowing my backyard, I'm going to storm in here with a shotgun." For the citizen CAIL GO to COURT.

Likewise the WTO, like GATT before it, prescribes a remedy. If any contracting party considers that the benefits it has secured in trade negotiations have been "nullified or impaired" by another, it can go to the other con-tracting parties and ask for authorization to withdraw certain concessions - in plain English, to put up its tariffs against what it considers the offending party.

It is ironic that after having secured passage through Congress, against fierce opposition, of the legislation applying the results of the Uruguay Round and establishing the WTO, one of the first acts of the Clinton administration should be to flout it. But that is not the only irony.

The problem in trade with Japan is not simply an American one. Europe has the same problem. But the European Union, in the words of a spokesman, is "re-

maining impartial."
In 1982, the European Commission suggested to the Americans that they join Europe in go-ing to GATT to get Japan to open against Japan.

In vain we Europeans pointed out that we were not ganging up against anyone, but trying to ensure that all members of the world trading club paid their dues. Now, 13 years later when the United States is taking action, Europe is twiddling its thumbs.'
If the United States acts on its

own, illegally, it will not only damage the authority of the newly created WTO, it will alarm the booming economies of Southeast Asia on which America's prosperity will increasingly depend — and which are also running in-creasing trade surpluses with it. Nor is it certain that the United States, on its own, will succeed. But if the United States and

Europe were jointly to take the legal route and put the matter before the WTO, asking for authority to act if Japan did not take far-reaching steps to open its market, then they would have widespread support and a fair chance of ending a standing irri-tant to the world trading system. Japan can withstand one country but not the world.

And the U.S. administration would be able to demonstrate to Congress that the international trading rules are not an affront to U.S. sovereignty but can be made to work not just to the advantage of the United States but in the interests of opening up world trade.

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### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Cirban Revolution NEW YORK - Generals José Marti and Gomez have issued a

statement to the public giving the Cuban revolutionists' reasons for desiring separation from Spain: referring to Cuba's superior financial and educational conditions; reviewing the former revolution, its causes and failures, and pointing out they believe they will be successful now.

#### 1920: Mr. Booze at Bar

WASHINGTON — Everyone in the United States Supreme Court yesterday [May 18], from black-robed Justices to blackerfaced door-tenders, had a hearty laugh when, immediately after the Court's announcement that there would be no decision on the Prohibition Amendment until June 7; the name of John Taylor Booze was submitted as a

petitioner to practice in the Highest Tribunal Mr. Booze, who, of course, comes from Chicago, undertook to be an advo-cate for the "wets" and an-nounced that in the Court's deferred decision he saw a hopeful sign that the nation would soon be able to wash the dust from its throat.

#### 1945: Algerian Rights PARIS - The French Provision-

al Government reiterated yester-

day [May 18] its intention to put into operation an ordinance granting all the civic rights of French citizens to some 80,000 Arabs in the Algerian Departments of Algiers, Oran and Constantine. The government, the Ministry of the Interior said in a statement last night, "is resolved to pursue a policy of progressine assimilation of French Mussalmans to French citizens."

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## Don't Strand the Poor

There are two dangers in the budget debate that moves now to the House and Senate floors. The first is that the underlying effort to reduce the deficit to some manageable level over the next however many years will fail. The second danger is that Congress will pursue the goal of a lower deficit, but do so mainly at the expense of the least well-off Americans,

those most in need of help. The debate these next few days will be heavily about Medicare. The Republicans propose large cuts in the program. The present cost trends are indeed unsustainable, as the Republicans have usefully begun at last to point out. And the program needs to be reformed. But you need not fear for its survival any more than for the survival of the other broad middle-class programs, from Social Security to school lunch, which the Democrats also made a show of protecting a couple of weeks ago. The constituencies will see to that - in the case of Medicare, the elderly and disabled seventh of the population who receive the care itself: the hospitals and doctors that receive the fees; the families of the recipients who would have to pay the fees if the government did not. So Medicare is not the part of the budget in greatest jeopardy, and that is because it is not just a program for

supplicants. The entire society looks to it. The programs to help poor people who are struggling to make ends meet are something else again. They lack anything like comparable support. There are five big ones. Food stamps provide an implicit national income floor and now reach a

tenth of the population. The earned-income tax credit puts a further, higher floor under mainly the working poor and near-poor with children. Medicaid, the costliest of the welfare programs, provides health insurance for welfare and other low-income women and children, and it supplements Medicare for the needy elderly and disabled (particularly by paying for long-term care and prescription drugs). Then there are cash assistance programs for welfare mothers and the elderly and disabled without other means. About a fourth of the poor also have some part of their rent paid through public or other subsidized housing.

Each of these programs has wellknown, serious problems. The argument is not that they should somehow be exempt from reform; they should not be. Nor is it that they should be exempt from budget cutting. The Medicaid growth rate in particular needs to be controlled in a way that it now is not. But Congress needs to be careful that in reforming these programs and containing their costs it does not retreat from the basic federal obligation to help the poor. Converting the programs to block grants would limit federal responsibility and shift to state and local governments a financial burden greater than they can likely bear. The budget resolutions likewise presume a Medicaid

growth rate that is unrealistically low, just as the present one is unsustainably high. It is essential to narrow the deficit. It is also essential — and possible — 10 do so

without stranding those most in need. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

### Other Comment

Halting the Spread of a Killer Despite assurances of international health officials that the Ebola outbreak remains remote from population outside of Zaire, the spread of this killer from the town of Kikwit to several nearby villages renews questions about the world's capacity to stop catastrophic epidemics. Indeed, with the possibility that human or animal hosts might carry deadly viruses across not only borders but oceans, any local outbreak poses a far-reaching question: How

can global breakouts be thwarted? Stopping an invisible agent is a tall order, especially in a nation such as Zaire that is short of the resources, medical and otherwise, needed to deal efficiently with infections. In the United States, the Public Health Service Act gives authorities broad powers to institute quarantines. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stations in major ports of entry may isolate and contain individuals

who arrive with obvious signs of infection. That is good, but it is not enough. Nations need better help in attacking viruses where they spring up. That takes funding, plus vigilance by both the international medical community and local authorities. Later this year the World Health Organization will convene a conference to discuss, among other things, tightening quarantine standards. There is clearly a role for the United States in the

matter of international epidemics. — Los Angeles Times.

#### Global Economic Governance

Economic recovery is now under way in most OECD countries. Inflation is at its lowest level for decades. Yet 34 million people remain registered as unemployed. If the multilateral trade and investment system is to survive, a genuine system of global economic governance must be developed. Working men and women and not just financial markets need confidence in the credibility of policies. Governments must regain through collective coordination of their policies the sovereignty they have individually lost through the deregulation of financial markets. The current instability has unsupportable social costs.

- From a statement by the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD.

### Wishing Chirac Well

On Europe, Jacques Chirac may prove a disappointment to Britain; his meeting with Chancellor Kohl in Strasbourg on Thursday and his wish to make his country the motor of the European Union suggest that the main thrust of [French] foreign policy will not change. However, it would be churlish at this stage not to wish the new president well. A grueling campaign appears to have changed the "buildozer" of earlier years into someone more mature. His accession could mark a

new beginning for France. — The Daily Telegraph (London).



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#### OPINION/LETTERS

# A Business Success Story That Ended Well

WASHINGTON — The remarkable Chambers brothers rose from grinding poverty in the Arkansas delta to running a retail trade earning \$1 million a week in Detroit. This was in the mid-1980s, when the automobile industry was shrinking and the city was losing a quarter of a million jobs and a fifth of its population. The four brothers' enterprise had revenues larger than any other privately held business in the city.

The second of th

This story of ghetto capitalism is told in a virtuoso exercise

The author writes that these four ghetto capitalists made 'a rational career choice' when they became pioneers of the age of crack cocaine.

ler's new book "Land of Opportunity." Mr. Adler details how real estate he saw as he delivthe brothers, without benefit of ered mail. Willie bought some education beyond their high inexpensive houses. Soon they school in the nation's sixth were distribution centers for the poorest county, identified a family drug business. By 1984 market niche, mastered whole- one was a crack house "pumpsale buying and mass producing \$35,000 a day.
tion and risk analysis, monilt is a bit much to blame tored cash flows, devised Republicans for Willie's choice employee benefit plans, perfor- of a criminal career. And brothmance bonuses and customer er Larry had made that choice incentive plans. Mr. Adler admires the way the brothers' lead-cade of greed." When the your-

By George F. Will

cocaine in their systems.

the doorman, who carried an

Uzi, was admonished by Larry

days, and he's about to spend

his last \$5 on crack, you have to

ness" in Lee County, Arkansas. Billy Joe is now earning \$5 a month in the kitchen of a feder- States from the Caribbean, al prison where he will be for at least another 20 years. Yet Mr. Adler, a terrific reporter and a are in prison, made "a rational came pioneers of the age of crack cocaine.

Mr. Adler is not averse to moral judgments. He vigorously disapproves of "the Reagan-Bush era's domestic spending policies," "the wealth-obsessed culture," "the decade's cult of money" and so on. But Mr. Adler's honest reporting vitiates

his ideological judgments.
Billy was 16 in 1978 when he bought a one-way bus ticket to Detroit where his brother Willie was a postal worker. Soon Billy was working his way up in the drug business, and with some help from Willie.

"By 1982," writes Mr. Adler, "seven years as a letter carrier

and his prudent way with a dolin reporting, William M. Ad- lar had left Willie with a tidy

er, Billy Joe, "refused to set-ile for passivity and hopeless-troit to join the money-mak-

make him feel good about spending his money.

Larry was stern with disobeing, crime was a family tradition. Crack came to the United dient employees (he had hot grease poured on one) and his "wrecking crews" would "hamwhere a dying crack addict had said to a Bahamian doctor, mer" people who displeased "When the world tastes this, him. Mr. Adler tells about Denterrible ethicist, says Billy Joe and his three brothers, who also trouble." It got to Detroit late Dennis and colleagues grabbed in 1983. In that year about 100 the victim's wrists, "held them career choice" when they beclinics for treatment of cocaine meled his hands with hammers. Then they hammered his feet, use. In 1987, the year the Chambers' business peaked, about his knees. The kid lost con-4,500 were admitted. Between sciousness. They hammered his 1983 and 1987 emergency ribs. They left him in the garoom admissions linked to corage. Dennis says he heard later caine rose from 450 to 3.811. In the injuries left the young man paraplegic, never to walk again. 1987, when Detroit's murder rate peaked, half the murder Dennis says he felt bad about the beating, but that 'I did it victims age 40 and under had because it was part of my job By 1986, Mr. Adler writes, and I wanted to move up in the Billy Joe and Larry were folk

organization and I wanted a [Ford Mustang] 5.0." To say, as Mr. Adler comes heroes, "the Lee lacoccas of the crack business." Children played games of "BJ and Larry." Larry ran a drug disclose to doing in his otherwise illuminating book, that the pensing apartment house where Chambers and their friends were only obeying social imperatives or cultural promptings is to project warmth to customers:
When a crackhead comes to today's version of the Nuremberg defense — "I was only obeying orders" — that was ofyou and his woman is on his back, his babies don't have no fered in 1946 by people who for Pampers, he hasn't eaten in two a while thought they had made

rational career choices. Washington Post Writers Group.

## Out of Black Shoelaces and Doing Fine

N EW HAVEN. Connecticut — When a few years ago I moved from England back to the United States, my daughter Christina moved by necessity (she was fourteen) from London's Grey Coat Hospital to HSC in New Haven (on the Atlantic, seventy miles north of New York). Grey Coat Hospital is not a hospital but a school, and HSC stands for High School in the Community.

Christina's move was more drastic than mine. I was just a writer moving

#### MEANWHILE

from one quiet house in Westminster to another quiet house in New Haven. Christina moved from an English state and of the less well-to-do. The uniform school to an American state school. a jump of half a century.

Grey Coat is a junior high school plus

high school (lower school and upper school in British parlance), founded in the 17th century by London merchants for their daughters. The upper school is housed in a lovely low-slung building, looking like a Stately Home, not far from Parliament; the portraits of the founders. with testimonies in Latin to their civicmindedness, adorn the large entrance hall. The school has a tie with the Church of England which manifests itself by the fact that solemn school functions take place in no less exalted a setting than Westminster Abbey. It is, none the less,

an ordinary, free, state school. Grey Coat tries to hold on to the rules By Hans Koning

of discipline as lastly formulated by the school governors in 1946. "A huge strain is placed on (the schools in Britain)," its deputy headmistress once wrote me. "By a basic dishonesty ... teachers are ex-pected to applaud and uphold rules and attitudes ... which society quite obviously is abandoning."

Its students wear the school uniform. but this is less a sign of undemocratic snobbery as I, an American, originally suspected, than an effort to eliminate jealousies and competition in dress between the daughters of the well-to-do can be bought only at Peter Jones, a department store on the King's Road, and it consists of a grey jacket (always to be worn when outside, never to be worn when inside), grey skirt, patterned blouse, and black or brown shoes.

My first experience as a parent with the school was when Christina could not enter her class because her shoes had multi-colored shoelaces with the legend "I love Australia." The deputy headmistress gave her a pound note (as a loan, she stressed) and sent her to Peter Jones to buy black shoelaces.

From this Westminster Abbey/black shoelaces environment, then, Christina was dropped into New Haven's High School in the Community, which was founded by a group of independent-

minded teachers in the 1960s, but has long since been taken in by the school system. HSC had as its main principle that everyone gets (another) chance there, including those kids who have already a police record of drug dealing or other brushes with the law. (In this it is not very different anymore from our other schools here, and scholastically its

reputation is tops.)
At HSC the kids dress in whatever way they want, makeup and jewelry (banned at Grey Coat) abound, and one of Christina's friends in her first year was a barely fifteen-year-old mother. Teachers are called by their first name. If you have an urgent reason for leaving a classroom, you leave.

My story has no climactic bottom line, and that is precisely its moral. Christina took the fifty-year jump in her stride. HSC's sex education class created no commotion and it appeared that she had learned as much about the facts of life in the stately halls of Grey Coat as her peers in the more dangerous streets of New Haven. She didn't get carried away by the freedom to use makeup, and the teen mother did not lead her along any primrose paths.

As in London, there were teachers who inspired her and her classmates with an urge to read and discover, and others whose dead hand killed the joy of learning. What I learned from it was, don't underestimate your children.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Violent Centuries All Regarding "The Roots of Evil Go Deep in This Violent Century" (May 3) by Richard Harwood:

 I take issue with the assess-Humans have always been vioof mass slaughter. Like it or not, junk fare in the first place. war and violence are part of our cultural heritage, just like music and literature, which, in their turn, often reflect the violent side of human nature. A random reading of the Bible or of Homer will more often than not present a picture of unbridled violence and destruction.

Civilian populations were not civilian populations were not in-volved in battles which took is the only solution. place on the field. Cities, however, were often the victims of long sieges, and if and when they were taken the only civilians spared were girls of childbearing age, perhaps some individuals who could be used as slaves and. in some rare cases, artists, performers and intellectuals.

The difference lies in the means that are now available and also in the much greater concentration of populations. If those wonderful heroes of the Iliad could have used modern weaponry they certainly would have killed more Trojans and Greeks than the many thousands reported in the epic, and the same can be said for all the battles undertaken by humans and, indeed, all acts of terrorism against the state, the establishment or the monarch.

CARLO UNGARO, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

#### . Hardball With Japan

Regarding "Japan Has No Choice But to Open Up Its Auto Market" by Thamas G. Denme (Opinion, May 12):

The writer has clearly bluntly summarized the U.S. trade situation with Japan. The trade imbalance has existed for years, and I am surprised and distressed that the United States has not taken effective measures earlier. The only language Japan understands (and respects) is "hardball." Unless the United States is committed to implementing punitive trade sanctions, the trade imbalance will continue and grow.

PETER AMREIN.

### Support for the Mark

Regarding the report "Waigel Supports Franc Fort" (May 17): The German finance minister's encomiums upon the franc fort seem to be a thinly disguised attempt to discourage the conservatives' considerations of lower interest rates in France and at the same time avoid the German psychological trauma of reducing German interest rates to preserve franc-mark stability. Clearly, the inflation paranoia inherited from the bushelbasket mark era of the 1920s still holds sway in Germany.

WARREN L. LARRABEE Montpellier, France.

#### Culture and Commerce

French audiovisual policy initiatives calling for stiffer quotas and other impositions against imported U.S. television fare are

both unrealistic and hypocritically self-serving.

The French initiative not only violates the very essence of GATT accords but also overlooks the fact that the government of the 20th century as be-ment itself, through its control ing the most violent in history. over French television, was responsible for the purchasing lent and prone to diverse forms and programming of U.S. TV

> For many years, the French levies from cinema patrons with the professed aim of supporting the French cinema industry. It is anybody's guess how much has been collected and squandered with shamefully little to show for it.

The issue is purely commerspared. Of course, the further cial and not cultural. A systemback we go in history the shorter atic and sustained development of EU-wide and market-orientis the only solution.

JOSEPH L. SPARTZ. Jakarta.

#### The Right to Bear Arms

Herbert Mitgang's article "Private Militias Aren't Consti-tutional" (Opinion, May 6) is a political diatribe aimed more at private gun ownership than at militias. The Second Amend-ment to the U.S. Constitution and most state constitutions do indeed guarantee to the people the right to keep and bear arms.
The "militia" is composed of the citizenry, not the National Guard. Nor is it the Army Reserve, which is an integral part of the armed forces.

Federal statutory law establishes the militia as a group of United States citizens within prescribed age limits meeting certain other criteria. The National Guard is specifically excluded. The federal constitution neither authorizes nor prohibits private militias. While most of us may not agree with their philosophies, they are free to as-semble and fulfill their perceived purpose provided they do not break the law.

ROBERT L. HUMPHREY. Kerrville, Texas.

#### The Pope's Concerns Regarding the report "Spread

ing the Papal Word" (May 12): Martin Marty of the University of Chicago is quoted as saying that he "hasn't the faintest idea of what most of these pages mean." Professor Marty, a theologian, is referring to Pope John Paul II's book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope." My 18-year-old students appear to have no such problem. They disagree with some of the Pope's views, but on the whole they appreciate this robust book and express understanding and admiration for the breadth of the Pope's con-

cerns for life and youth. TIMOTHY MATTHEW

#### A Matter of Timing

Regarding "Churchill, Roosevelt and the Place of the Iron Curtain" (Opinion, May 11) by Gerhard Weinberg:

V-E Day for most of us stirs emotions of thanks and humbleness to all who directed, fought and died in all the Allied armies — from private to prime minister to president. At this time of year, if any criticism has to be made, then it should be directed where it be-

longs, toward the Nazis. KEITH BIRMINGHAM.





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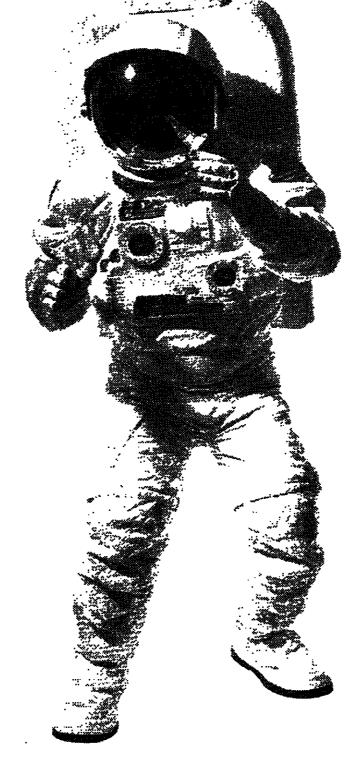


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By David Spanier

ONDON - Performance artist and moviemaker Annie Griffin was having a run of bad luck. She couldn't get on stage and couldn't get her work on film.

It got her thinking about luck.
"All art is a bit of a gamble anyway. I'd never really thought much about gambling before. It sounded dangerous and kind of ' says Griffin, who had come from Buffalo. New York, to try her luck in

At that time, the British were gearing up for a new kind of gamble, a National Lottery. She began to wonder if she could take a hand berself.

The result of her gamble is "The Art Casino." She describes the event, which will be held at the Barbican Art Gallery over the weekend, as a place for artists and gamblers to explore their connections. All kinds of gambling devices will be on show for the public to play - roulette, slot machines,

horse-racing — though not for money. Works on risk and gambling include a video film shot at the race track, where actress Tilda Swinton spent £1,000 of Arts Council funding playing the horses; slot machines, which instead of the conventional three cherries on the reels, show amusing symbols like babies or bottoms; and an automaton named "It's a mug's game," which takes the punter's coin on outstretched palm and simply delivers a printed card saying "Thank you."

Amid the fun items there will be a variety of specially commissioned works from artists who have been moved to think locations.

about gambling. The show is well timed because gambling fever has seized the British. The national enthusiasm extends from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who is known to enjoy betting a couple of pounds on a horse race, all the way down to the cloth-capped punter in the street corner bookmaker. But



Performance artist Annie Griffin: "All art is a bit of a gamble anywyay."

there are 118 casinos in Britain, but a visitor out how many new millionaires are being would never know about them because they created — more than 30 so far. All this in a are forbidden to advertise their names or country where the long-established principle

melting traditional British reserve about gambling. The public is betting more than £100 million every week on the mainline lottery and the newly introduced scratch cards, on sale at news agents alongside bars of chocolate. The nathe public's fondness for gambling has, up until now, been a more or less discrect at 8 P.M. Saturday to watch the six winning at affair, behind closed doors. For instance.

tion more or less comes to a collective pause nor having a secure income, the faith that you can beat the odds and make a living at numbers being drawn on television, and find it." Now it looks as if the future of art

of gaming legislation, which can be traced back to the time of Henry VIII, was that OW the National Lottery is fast gambling should be allowed, very sparingly,

only to meet "unstimulated demand." There are so many things art and gambling have in common," says Griffin, surveying "The Art Casino" installations. "The element of play, the element of chance, taking risks, full-time participants Now it looks as if the future of art

funding in Britain will depend on the lottery. About a quarter of the money raised is going 'good causes," led by the arts. Indeed, so much money is being raised that the organizers say it will be difficult to find suf-ficient worthwhile projects to spend the

After "The Art Casino," Griffin plans a documentary, titled "Was She There?" about herself, she says, and a film for television about cheerleaders. For this artist, gambling has paid off.

David Spanier is a journalist who writes on gambling topics, hased in London.

# Naples the Eternal: Glory, Folly and Hype

By Ken Shulman

APLES — "Jerseys. Jerseys. Lacoste Jerseys, chants the contraband merchant, perched like a precarious, tobaccostained leprechaun on the sea wall above

A passing motorist pulls over to the curb, takes a closer look. "It's not for me,"

"Dottore," the hawker fawns, in the inimitable Neapolitan dialect. "Why not? Look. The merchandise is good. Pure cot-

ton. One hundred percent. "I'm just not fond of imitation goods," the prospective client says. "I like the real

thing."
"But Dottore." the merchant protests.
"These aren't imitation. They're stolen." It is hard not to love this city. And it is equally hard to live in it. Once the glorious capital of The Kingdom of Two Sicilies, today Naples is the bustling, teeming, hyperindividualistic lovechild of the glories and follies that lurk in unchecked human na-

But Naples has lately been jolted back toward a semblance of acceptable order, by two events in particular. The first was the victory of Antonio Bassolino over Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of the fascist dictator, in last year's mayoral race. The second, almost concurrent event, was the Group of Seven meeting, which brought the heads of the world's most industrialized nations here last spring.

ASSOLINO has received high marks from nearly all bands of the political and social spectrum for transforming what was one of Italy's most lethargic public work forces into an acceptably efficient legion.

Under Bassolino's direction, the city center and its monuments were paved, propped up, and polished in preparation for the arrival of Bill Clinton and other leaders. Like countless visitors before them, rang-ing from Virgil to Goethe to Oscar Wilde,

the leaders were bewitched. A pity that the G-7 does not happen every year here. Walking in the crowded Monte Calvario quarter, beneath the endless rows of garment-strewn clotheslines that transform these crowded sunless alleys into a hanging textile garden, one still looks anxiously over one's shoulder and clutches one's bag or purse each time a

motorscooter buzzes by And should we mention sluggish public works projects? The Funicolare Centrale, the famed cable car that for years has transported 30,000 Neapolitans per day from the center of the city to the top of the Monte Santo hill, was closed in July of 1993 for an alleged sixmonth renovation. Antonio Ranieri, head the Bay of Naples. "Lacoste Jerseys. Two of the city's transportation department, for twenty thousand."

hopes to reopen by the end of July.
Naples' Capodimonte Museum, home
of one of Italy and Europe's most important art collections, has been under renovation art collections, has been under renovation since 1986, and closed to the public since last January. "Work here has been going on for an eternity," says a disconsolate Nicola Spinosa, superintendent for fine arts for the province of Naples. According to Spinosa, the restoration effort was derailed by a kickback scandal that caused several of the companies contracted for the job to go bankrupt. "As a result, we end up paying 72 billion lire [\$43.6 million] for a job that actually cost 50 billion lire."

Of course, there is the Camorra, Naples' well-entrenched branch of the Mafia, a second state that feeds off the official state, and exacts a tax on Neapolitan businesses, restaurants, and homeowners. There also is an unemployment rate that is one of Italy's

Still, the animated and agile Neapolitans survive as masters in "l'arte di arrangiarsi," the art of getting by.

"Bassolino has done what he can," says Marta, who with her son runs a small, unpretentious bar just off the elegant Riviera di Chiaia, not far from the well-guarded American Consulate. "But he can't change the Neapolitans. It's very hard to do anything honest in Naples. Still. I am glad when people come to our city. I am glad if they like it here."

Ken Shulman is an American writer based in Italy.

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The gang that couldn't shoot straight: A man in New Jersey held up a convenience store by throwing a cup of coffee at an employee, then looting the cash register. Remers tells us. The clerk ducked, the coffee mostly missed, and police arrested the thief, sitting in a parked car.

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**Crimson Tide** Directed by Tony Scott. U.S.

with this big, boastful, ear-split- | annihilation a big draw for sumting submarine movie with a mer movie audiences? Isn't bad case of Clancy envy. Torpedoes are strategically poised. Beads of sweat glimmer in close-up. An opening title announces that Frank Ramsey (Gene Hackman), the captain of a nuclear weapon-bearing vessel like this, the U.S.S. Alabama, is one of the three most powerful men in the world. The latest techno-pop plaything from Tony Scott ("Top Gun," 'Days of Thunder") and the Simpson-Bruckheimer producing team, "Crimson Tide"

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there something awfully satisfying about the throbbing missiles and cathartic explosions that constitute this film's main excitement? Maybe so, but nothing else here delivers a comparable thrill. There's no good reason for the overall film. beyond the wish to create a summer vehicle for two big stars and remake "The Caine Mutiny" at a sound level so thunderous it shakes your hair. For all its surface bravado, the film lacks the guts to make

consummate pros, do everything possible to make their eyeball-to-eyeball confrontations look like something more than the synthetic, empty exercises they actually are. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Directed by Gary Gray. U.S.

This high-energy comedy starring the rap artist Ice Cube is not aimed at anyone much over the age of 18, but it would be a mistake for wider audiences to dismiss it. This is a ruder, crudgreets the Captain's overween- Ramsey an interesting figure. er version of the hip-hop movie

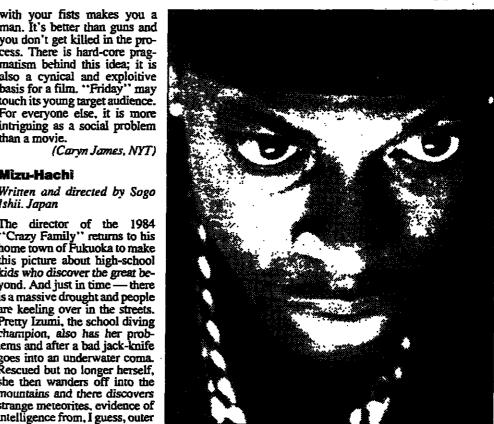
use and guns as part of its characters' lives. The film, written by Ice Cube and D.J. Pooh. makes fun of those realities and replaces rap's anger with humor. The action takes place on an ordinary Friday, on a working-class street in Los Angeles that could be out of "Boyz 'n' the Hood," the film that proved Ice Cube could act. He plays Craig, a 22-year-old who has just lost his job, and he is surrounded by deliberate caricatures. The humor is often lame. But Gary Gray, who has directed music videos for Ice ers. Obviously, there isn't much Cube and Queen Latifah, has legal activity in "Friday," and put together a slick, watchable that no-nonsense attitude sets it movie that gets by on the apart from preachy movies strength of its ensemble acting about neighborhoods like this. and the constant, enlivening Craig's father offers his son the

ing machismo with thinly | He's more arrogant than evil. | "House Party," and it offers a | Cypress Hill and many others. | with your fists makes you a veiled admiration. Sure, blow- Instead of dangerous, he's just | fascinating glimpse at the way | The plot centers on Craig's | man. It's better than guns and ing up the world would be ex- misguided and misunderstood. street life enters pop culture. friend Smokey (the comedian you don't get killed in the pro-The planet is on the brink again | cessive, but isn't the chance of | Hackman and Washington, two | Like rap and much stand-up | Chris Tuckeri, who in another | cess. There is hard-core pragcomedy, the film is based on | era would seem like a refugee matism behind this idea: it is open-eyed acceptance of drug from a Cheech and Chong also a cynical and exploitive movie. Smokey unapologetibasis for a film. "Friday" may touch its young target audience. cally smokes marijuana all day, For everyone else, it is more and after much urging gets the usually sober Craig high too. The film's weakness is Tucker, whose exaggerated expressions and line readings become annoying. The friends spend the day trying to scrape together or steal the \$200 that Smokey owes a drug dealer called Big Worm, a bulky guy The director of the 1984 who wears a headful of pastel blue hair curlers. They also run from the neighborhood bully

intriguing as a social problem than a movie. (Caryn James, NYT) Mizu-Hachi Written and directed by Sogo Ishii. Japan

home town of Fukuoka to make this picture about high-school kids who discover the great beyond. And just in time - there is a massive drought and people are keeling over in the streets. Pretty Izumi, the school diving champion, also has her problems and after a bad jack-knife soundtrack featuring Dr. Drc. film's moral message: fighting goes into an underwater coma.

> she then wanders off into the mountains and there discovers strange meteorites, evidence of intelligence from, I guess, outer space. We learn that the planets are all lined up, the powers are irritated, the night of the full moon terror will strike. Izumi, however, foils the cosmic forces. It rains, Fukuoka is saved, but the brave little diver is drawn up by the celestial powers and seen no more. There are lots of tattered Age of



Chris Tucker plays Smokey in the film "Friday."

believed by the entire cast as | The theme here is that childwell as, I would suppose, the director. (Donald Richie, IHT)

Come Due Coccodrilli Directed by Giacomo Campiotti. Italy/France.

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vain to avenge. In "Come Due Coccodrilli" (Like Two Crocodiles), Fabrizio Bentivoglio is Gabriele, a successful Italian-born Parisian art and antiques dealer who is inca-pable of affection or commitment. Giacomo Campiotti's engaging debut film is a streamlined story of love. loss and resentment. Born in an extramarital union between the Como industrialist Marchi (Giancarlo Giannini) and his mistress (Valeria Golino), Gabriele is brought into the Marchi home when his mother dies giving birth to a second child. The Marchi children never accept the love child — who is also their father's favorite - and eventually compel him to leave the family villa. Through the use of a rudimentary but nonetheless effective technique, Campiotti blends three temporal settings - Gabriel's present in Paris and Como, his past as a teenager in the lakeside home, and his early memories of his mothers, which are presented in black and white, to create a layered, textured screen reality. Bentivoglio is inscrutable in his fossilized pain, and splendidly ambivalent in the moment of his du-

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## THE ARTS GIIDE

#### ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires
Teatro Colon,tel: (1) 382-3289. Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra," directed by Giancarlo del Monaco, conducted by Miguel Angel Vetri, with José van Dam, Karita Mattila and Ferruccio Furtanetto May 23 28 28 31 and Furlanetto. May 23, 26, 28, 31 and

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#### AUSTRALIA

Sydney The Australian Opera, tel: (2) 319-1088. Verdi's "Rigoletto," directed by Elijah Moshinsky, conducted by David Porcelijn, with Gillian Sullivan, Gregory Tomlinson and Michael Lewis, June 8, 13, 16 and 21.

#### BELGIUM

The Flanders Opera, tel: (3) 233-6685. Haendel's "Orlando," directed by Robert Carsen, conducted by Paul Dombrecht, with Patricia Bardon, Lynne Dawson and Hillary Summers, June 9 (premiere), 11, 13, 15, and 17.

Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, tal: (2) 789-52-11, closed Mondays. To Nov. 26: "Trésors Cachés du Musée de Tervuren." More than 260 montant page de Marches de Monday 200 montant page de Monday 200 montant page 200 montant p 250 masterpieces of African art including masks, ancestral statues and

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Vienna

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Kunstforum Bank Austrfa, tel: (1)
53-124-5486, open daily. To July 2:
"Neue Sachlichkeit in Osterreich:
1918 bis 1938." Works by lesser known artists of the New Objectivity group, including paintings by Rudolf Wacker and Franz Sedfacek.
KunstHaus Wien, tel: (1) 712-04-95, open daily. To Sept. 17: "Marino Marini: Works From the Collection Marina Marini." A display of 61 paintings, 25 drawing and 30 sculptures by theartist who ranks with Moore, Giacometti and Calder as one of the most important sculptors of the 20th

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#### BRITAIN

Cambridge

Gambridge
Fitzwilliam Museum, tel: (223) 332900, closed Mondays, Continuing/
To June 25: "Islamic Art and Patronage: Treasures from Kuwait."
More than 100 objects from the collection of Sheikh Nasser al-Sabah of Kinuait and his wife Kuwait and his wife.

British Museum, tel: (171) 636-1555, open deily. To July 30: The Great Court: The British Museum's Millennium Project." The display in-cludes a new cross-section model of the Great Court schemed by Sir Norman Foster. The project, to be com-pleted by 2000, will turn the countyard of the museum into a covered public

square and a cultural complex. Hayward Gallery, tel: (171) 928-8800. To Aug. 13: "Landscapes of France: Impressionism and its Ri-



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"Horse" (1952) and "Nude Female" (1947) by Marino Marini are shown in Vienna.

3321, open daily. To June 18: "Gom-brich on Shadows." A selection of paintings by art historian Sir Ernst Gombrich shows how cast stradows are used in Western art to enhance the illusion of reality.

#### CANADA

Art Gallery of Ontario, tel: (416) 979-66-48 closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Aug. B: "Barbara Hepworth." An exhibition dedicated to the sculptor who is acclaimed as being responsible, along with Henry Moore and Ben Nicholson, for the emergence of British art in the 1930s. includes 67 carvings and bronzes, and 30 drawings, which span nearly 50 years of the artist's career.

### DENMARK

Humleback Louisians Museum of Modern Art, tel: 42-19-07-19, open daily. Con-tinuing/To June 5: "Asger Jom."

#### FRANCE - --

Musée des Arts Décoratifs, tel: 56-10-15-62, closed Tuesdays. To Aug. 21: "L'Age d'Or du Petit Portrait." An exhibition dedicated to 18th and 19th-century miniature portraits painted on ivory, cardboard, parchment and paper

44-78-12-33, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To May 10: "Constantin Brancusi." Grand Palais, tel: (1) 44-13-17-17,

closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To July 3: "Zoran Music." Musée d'Art Moderne, tel: (1) 40-

Musée d'Art Moderne, tel: (1) 40-70-11-10, closed Mondays. Continuing/To Sept. 17: "Chagall, les Années Russes, 1907-1922."

Musée du Louvre, tel: (1) 40-20-51-51, closed Tuesdeys. To Aug. 14: "Hans Memling au Louvre." A small exhibition of six paintings on wood from the Louvre and two other works. Also includes works by Domenico Ghirlandaio, Dieric Bouts and Nicolas Froment.

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Theatre des Champs-Elysées, tel:
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#### GERMANY

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ing/To July 30: "George Grosz: Berlin-New York." Martin-Gropfus-Bau, tel: (30) 324-50-78. To Aug. 4: "The Twentieth Century: The Age of Modern Art." A critical assessment of the phe-nomeno of Moderniers in act with

nomenon of Modernism in art. with

works by Picasso, Matisse, Boccioni, Pollock, Ryban, Ernst and Schwit-

ters, among others. The exhibition will travel to London.

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#### SPAIN

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#### SWITZERLAND

Geneva Musée Barbier-Mueller, rel: (22) 312-0270. Continuing/To Sept. 30: "Parure." Jewels and omaments from Africa, India and Indonesia.

Kunsthaus Zurich, tel: 251-6765, closed Mondays. To June 18: "Ze-ichen under Wunder: Niko Pirosmani (1862-1918) und die Kunst der Gegenwart." An exhibit of the works

Reiss-Museum, tel: (621) 293-9729, closed Mondays. To May 21: "China in Mannheim: 5000 Jahre Erfindungen und Entdeckungen." An New York

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Jewish Museum, tel: (212) 423-3200, closed Fridays and Saturdays.
Continuing/To July 16: "Camille Pis-sarro: Impressionist Innovator."
Metropolitan Museum of Art, tel: (212) 570-3791, closed Mondays.
Continuing/To July 9: "Nadar." Also, to Oct. 15: "An Ancient Egyptian Bes-tiery: Apimal in Envotian Art."

Galleria d'Arte Moderna, To July 9: "Emilio Tadini: Il Ballo dei Filosofi." The retrospective of Tadini's work is centered on his perception that one should live true to one's ideals. The result is "the philosopher's ball", including his literature (novels, poetry and art reviews) and his paintings, which dominated the later part of his life. **EUROPEAN TOUR** 

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Berlin Philharmonic. Conducted by Claudio Abbado, the orchestra will perform at the Rudolfinum in Prague Teatro alla Scala, tel: (2) 80-91-60. Verdi's "Traviata," directed by Liliana Cavani, conducted by Riccardo Muti (May 23) and at the Semperoper in

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Amsterdam Van Gogh Museum, tel (20) 570-52-00, open daily. To Aug. 27: "Vin-cent Van Gogh: His Graphic Work." Nine lithographs and one etching showing that the painter had great arbitron for his prophile work."

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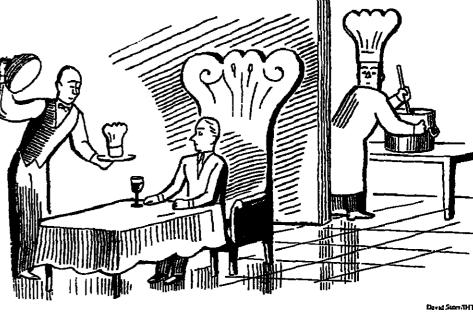
of the avant-garde Georgian painter and his contemporaries.

#### **UNITED STATES**

tiary: Animal in Egyptian Art."

#### Washington

Freer Gallery of Art, tel: (202) 357-32-00, open daily. To Jan. 1, 1996: "Whistler and Japan." More than 30 paintings, drawings and prints created in the 1860s and 1870s document Japanese influence on the



### Sweet Taste of Success

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

ARIS - If at first you succeed, do it again, and again. That seems to be the motto of two local restaurateurs - François Clerc cially when slathered with the and Guy Savoy — who continue to expand their horizons, wooing customers with apparent ease. Meanwhile, a good number of the city's restaurateurs are left with bare tables and empty pockets. What's the key? It's not always obvious in a world filled with increasingly fickle and finicky diners, but certainly quality, price and an already established reputation

At the newly opened Right Bank Les Bouchons de Francois Clerc — which follows the same formula as the six-monthold restaurant of the same name on Rue de l'Hôtel Colbert diners are offered a healthy choice on the 215-franc (\$45) menu (cheese and dessent included) and the same extraordinary wine list, with bottles priced at cost. Situated on the Rue de la Terrasse and near Parc Moncean, the new restaurant is decorated in a bourgeois style fitting of the newly trendy edge of the 17th arrondissement.

A recent lunch there proved astonishing, both in its quality, quantity and culinary execution. While the food at the Left Bank branch is good, the cuisine here is more carefully studied, more exacting, more ambitious, and highly original. Starters vary from a layered sal- Bank and just off the Champs- 20-40. Open daily 9 A.M. to ad of perfectly cooked potatoes and lightly marinated salmon to an "antipasto" of vegetables. ly brasserie just steps from the ing wine and coffee). A la carte, including a confit-like mixture. Arc de Triomphe. Le Cap Vernet 175 to 250 francs per person,

rich tornato sauce, embellished franc basket of charcuterie (inby fresh anchovy fillets and a cluding a variety of sausages and tiny open-face sandwich of terrines), grilled open-face sand-black olive purée or tapenade. wiches for 40 francs, and af-The bread here is homemade termoon desserts prepared by and all but irresistible, espehouse "spread," a lively blend of butter, coarse sea salt and chopped black olives. Main courses include well-roasted morue, or fresh cod, surrounded by tajine-style vegetables and preserved lemon; and squid, or encomets, stuffed with epautre. the poor man's wheat of

and spit-roasted veal kidneys. Desserts include a refreshing blanc-manger — almond flavored pudding — with fresh seasonal fruits, and a soul-satisfying warm chocolate cake steamed potatoes. with vanilla ice cream.

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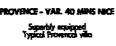
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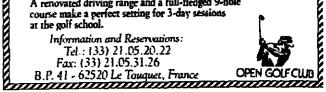
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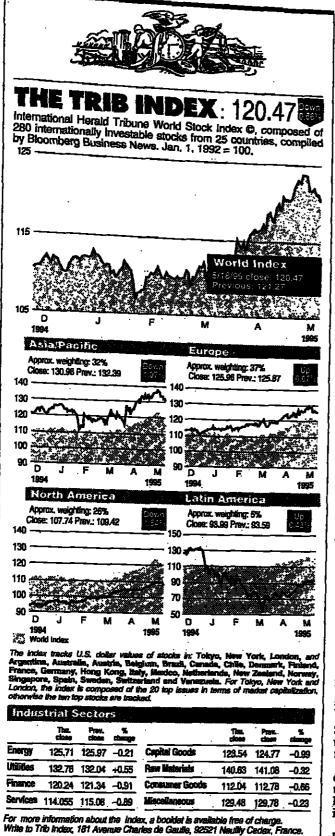
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### Chrysler Raises Its Dividend By 25%

By Lawrence Malkin İnternational Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Chrysler Corp. on Thursday raised its quarterly dividend by 25 percent, throwing up a roadblock against Kirk Kerkorian's hos-tile takeover bid, which many Wall Street analysts said had

run out of gas anyway.

Robert J. Eaton, Chrysler's chairman, also said Chrysler had bought back \$490 million of its own stock since January and planned to complete the repurchase of a total of \$1 billion in stock by the end of the year.

The quarterly dividend was raised to 50 cents from 40 cents. Mr. Kerkorian, a billionaire Las Vegas investor, has a 10 percent stake in Chrysler through Tracinda Corp., his investment company. As Chrysler became the most profitable of Detroit's automakers, he demanded a larger payout to stockholders, but Mr. Eaton argued that the company needed to keep a cash

cushion of \$7.5 billion. Tracinda said the dividend increase "does not even begin to address the fundamental issue of substantially increasing val-ue for all Chrysler shareholders. Mr. Kerkorian, 77, respond-

ed on April 12 with a \$22.8 billion bid to buy the company, proposing to finance it in part by using Chrysler's own cash. But he has been unable to raise money for the rest.

Chrysler shares fell 37.5 cents in late trading, to \$43,375. John Casesa of Wertheim Schroder & Co. said the drop

reflected disappointment that the payout was not larger. But Seth Glickenhaus, president of an investment company that controls 5.5 million Chrysler shares, called the dividend

increase "magnificent." Was this the end of Mr. Kerkorian's bid? "No, he never started," Mr. Glickenhaus said.

### Computer Selling And Trade News Batter the Dow

NEW YORK - Many U.S. stocks plunged Thursday after a computer-guided sell order buffeted the market late in the session causing the Dow Jones industrial everage to post its biggest one-day loss in almost six

The trading, tied partly to the Friday expiration of May options on stock indexes and individual stocks, knocked 34 points off the Dow industrials. The aver-Dow industrials. The average plummeted 81.96 points, to 4,340.64, its largest daily decline since a 91.52-point

plunge on Nov. 22. Before the computer order sent the market plunging, it had already been batted about by news that the U.S. trade deficit with two key trading partners, Japan and Mexico, had widened in March, although the overall trade gap narrowed slightly.

That news put jitters into the bond market, and by the end of the day, the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond had risen to 6.88 percent from 6.86 percent.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that America's overall deficit declined to \$9.12 billion, small improvement of 0.4 percent from the February deficit of \$9.15 billion, and in line with expectations.

However, America's deficit with Japan shot up 30 percent, to \$6.14 billion, close to the all-time high of \$6.7 billion set last October. Japanese imports to the United States rose by 21 percent with one-fourth of the increase coming from autos and auto parts.

America's trade deficit with Mexico surged 36 per-cent, to a record \$1.71 billion, in March as economic turmoil continued to turn what had been trade sur-pluses for the United States into growing delicits.

The overall improvement in America's trade in goods and services reflected the fact that U.S. exports climbed to a record \$65.34 billion as U.S. sales of computer chips, civilian zircrast and telecommunications equipment all showed substantial gains.

Imports of goods and services also set a record in March, rising at a slower pace of 4.3 percent to \$74.46 billion. The U.S. trade deficit is the difference between imports and exports.

In the first three months of this year, America's trade deficit was well on its way to a record, running at an annual rate of \$120.86 billion, far above last year's deficit

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## Sony Sees Happy Ending To Its Hollywood Woes

By Andrew Pollack

TOKYO - In an indication that it might be digging itself out from its fiasco in Hollywood, Sony Corp. said Thursday its movie division returned to profit in the most recent quarter.

Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., which had been losing money for several quarters because of box-office flops and cost overruns, made hit movies in the quarter ended March 31, including "Little Women" and "Legends of the Fall."

The movie division's results also were helped by cost-cutting and by a nearly \$3 billion writeoff in the movie operations that was announced last November. The write-off sharply reduced certain amortization costs that were dragging down the division's results.

Sony bought Columbia Pictures in 1989, hoping that programming wold boost its profit margins and help its hardware businesses. But in the last two years. Sony Pictures has been plagued by lax cost controls, box-office flops and management turmoil.

The announcement of the movie profit, the size of which was not specified, put a slightly positive ending on a dismal financial year for the electronics giant.

For the financial year ended March 31, Sony reported a group net loss of 293.4 billion yen (\$3.4 billion). The huge loss stemmed from the write-off in the second quarter, when Sony was forced to admit that its movie business was worth far less than it had paid to buy it in 1989.

Without the special charges, a Sony executive said that pretax income would have been 94.8 billion yen, slightly less than the 102.2 billion yen recorded a year earlier. Revenue for the year rose 7 percent, to 3.98 trillion yen.

Sony, which relies heavily on export sales, suffered from a 9 percent rise in the value of the yen against the dollar during the financial year. Had the currency-exchange rates remained unchanged, it said, sales would have risen an addition 185 billion yen.

For the fourth quarter, Sony posted a consolidated net loss of 9.05 billion yen, compared with a loss of 11.47 billion yen a year earlier. Sony said the loss resulted from exceptional charges. Reve-

nue rose 12 percent, to 1.00 trillion yen. The Hollywood write-off obscured fairly healthy gains that Sony made in its core electronics business last year, despite the strong yen.

Sony's electronics operations recorded a sales increase of 9 percent, to 3.2 trillion yen. Operating profit in electronics rose 36 percent, to 123.6

## Cost Cuts Speed VW to Profit

WOLFSBURG, Germany -Volkswagen AG said Thursday it continued its turnaround, announcing a first-quarter profit that was helped by cost-cutting measures and an improving do-

Volkswagen, which produces VW, Audi, Skoda and SEAT brand-name cars, said its costsaving efforts last year brought

a 13 million Deutsche mark (\$9 1995, up from a 1994 first-quarter loss of 342 million DM.

First-quarter sales rose to 21.2 billion DM (dlrs 14.7 billion), up 5 percent from 20.1 billion DM the previous year. Despite the first-quarter rise, the company projected a 1995 profit only slightly higher than

last year's. Improved production and the introduction of new models should bring a modest rise in profit, the company said.
But VW said fluctuations in

export-oriented company. "In the medium term, the further development of our business depends on the developments on the international foreign exchange markets," VW said.

The company singled out the peso crisis in Mexico, which contributed to a 34 percent drop in first-quarter sales in North America, it said.

Worldwide sales for the quarter rose 6.6 percent, to 830,836

million) first-quarter profit in rose 13.9 percent, to 245,188 vehicles from 215,242. The company said it expect-

ed deliveries and output to remain flat in 1995. Volkswagen called its total 1994 profit of 150 million DM a "turnaround" after losing 1.94 billion DM in 1993.

"For the whole year, we expect a slightly better result, considering the introduction of new models in the production palette, as well as success of further advances in productivi-

ty," the company said. the international currency mar-ket could be troublesome for the erally satisfied by the results. the cautious tone and repeated warning of potential currency losses depressed the stock. VW stock sank 10.50 DM, to close at 400.50 DM.

Joachim Bernsdorff, auto analyst at Bank Julius Baer, said Volkswagen may have dipped into reserves to pad the profit last year, but he thought the company was solidly in the

profit zone now. (Bloomberg, AP,

#### Thinking Ahead /Commentary

## Why Equality Can't Be the No. 1 Goal

By Reginald Dale mai Herald Tribune

ASHINGTON -- Equality sounds like a principle everyone can support. It is em-▼ ▼ biazoned alongside liberty and fraternity on the front of every French town hall. It is enshrined in the Japanese Constitution and in the American Declaration of Independence.

So it is perhaps not surprising that a minor outcry greeted a report last month that the United States is the most unequal of all the industrial countries, in terms of income and wealth. One anxious commentator saw the

news as a blow to America's "egalitarian" self-image, another as a sign that capital-ism itself might be heading for a crack-up. Both propositions are nonsense. The fact is that the other industrial countries. far from feeling smug about being more equal than the United States, are increasingly coming to realize that they must move in the American direction.

The very notion of equality is ambiguous. Most people are in favor of equal rights and opportunities. But few would agree that everyone should be paid exactly the same whatever job they do, regardless of age, skill and experience. A social system that contained no financial incentives really would crack up — or be monstrously inefficient — like

The real question is what degree of inequality is appropriate, and societies can differ on the answer. In an international survey conducted in 1991, for example, nearly 60 percent of Spaniards said incomes should be made more equal, against only 29 percent of Americans.

The answer can also change over time. Most people in industrial countries became used to greater equality of incomes in the golden era of postwar economic growth that lasted until the 1973

In those days the narrowing of the gap between rich and poor was a good thing. It helped to achieve the prime economic

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— like communism.

goal, which was to revive demand after the ravages of the Great Depression and World War II.

But what was economically appropriate in the 1950s and 1960s is not so today. Now the prime goal for industrial countries is to keep their populations employed in a global economy awash in cheap labor and new technology. Employment has become more important than greater equality in stimulating economic growth.

Indeed, one of the reasons the United States has kept its employment rate so much higher than those in European countries is precisely the greater inequality of American incomes — or wage "flexibility" as economists prefer to call it. Economists, like politicians, are highly uncomfortable explicitly advocating greater inequality, even if they know it

Economically speaking, it is a question of incentives. Most Americans would prefer a low-paid job to none. In Europe, thanks to much higher social benefits, it is often better to have no job than a lowpaid one. It is also a question of culture.

Despite the temporary narrowing of the wealth gap in the 1950s and 1960s, the United States has never really been an egalitarian society. As President Ronald Reagan used to say, America is a country of opportunity, not of guarantee. One of its greatest folk heroes is Horatio Alger, the ultimate self-made man.

In the 1991 survey, Americans said freedom was more important than equality by a ratio of 3 to 1. In Japan, freedom won by only a small margin.

But many Japanese now think they need more American-style individualism if they are to meet the economic challenges ahead. Europeans are increasingly aware that they must prune their costly welfare systems, inevitably creating more inequality.

In France, the new president, Jacques Chirac, wants to "unshackle the entrepreneurial spirit." That has to mean a little more liberie and rather less egalité.

May 18

### Disney Wins China Damages The award followed last Au- children's books, including nine

BELIING - A Chinese court has awarded the Walt Disney Co. 227,094 yuan (\$27,493) in a signed an agreement in 1992 to landmark case involving three strengthen Chinese protection Chinese publishers and a bookof U.S. copyrights, patents and store in a copyright violation

trademarks. lishing House to pay Disney port said. damages totaling the official

the Beijing Children's Publishing House, the Third Persons' World Publishing Co. Ltd., and the Beijing agency of the Xin-

hua Bookstore. The report did not say whether they also were ordered to pay damages.

four defendants started four of intellectual property rights. years ago publishing a series of

gust's ruling in the case, the first stories using cartoon drawings victory by a U.S. company since of characters similar to Dis-the United States and China ney's Mickey Mouse, Snow White and Cinderella The court also ordered the

defendants to stop publishing and selling the books and to The Beijing Intermediate make a public apology to Discourt ordered the Beijing Pubney through the media, the re-Such violations of copy-

Xinhua News Agency reported rights, trademarks and patents have long been a sore point in Also named in the case were U.S.-China trade relations. U.S. businesses have said they lose \$1 billion annually to Chinese piracy, and that close to 100 percent of videotapes and computer programs sold in China

are pirated. In 1992, China agreed to U.S. demands to strengthen its laws The court had found that the and regulations on protection

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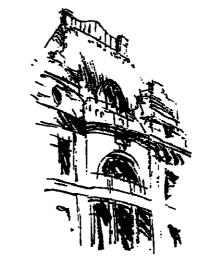
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Les actionnaires de la Sicay Japan Pacific Fund sont informés que le Conseil d'Administration de la société a l'intention de modifier la devise d'expression de la Sicav en yens japonais (JPY) afin de mieux rendre compte des investissements de la Sicav qui portent sur l'acquisition principalement d'actions de sociétés situées au Japon ou dans cette zone géographique. A cette même occasion, deux modifications d'ordre mineur aux statuts sont proposées aux actionnaires.

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The Investor Group's consolidated income after financial items increased from SEK 222 m. to SEK 888 m.

Scania's sales rose by 49% and amounted to SEK 8,525 (5,707) m. Income after financial items was SEK 1,401 (540) m.

Saab's sales rose by 95% and amounted to SEK 1,928 (988) m. Income after financial items amounted to SEK 2 (76) m.

The interim report can be ordered from Investor AB, Investor UK Limited or Investor Asia Limited.

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### Time Sells Assets to Cut Debt

NEW YORK (AP-DJ) - Time Warner Inc. said Thursday it would sell 15 small cable systems in seven states for \$263.7 million as part of its debt-reduction plan.
The media and entertainment conglomerate said the operations

being sold served more than 144,000 customers in Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and

Time Warner said it had agreed to sell noncore assets to reduce debt by \$1.3 billion. Time did not disclose prices of the deals.

BellSouth Corp. said it would cut up to 11,000 jobs by the end of 1997 as it accelerates a cost-cutting plan; the company said it would complete a previous plan to slash 10,200 jobs by the end of

Banco Nacional de México SA placed dollar-denominated debt certificates of \$206.5 million at a vield of 9.35 percent, becoming one of the first Mexican companies to re-enter capital markets since the devaluation of the peso in December. Southwest Airlines Co. said second-quarter profit would decline.

the third consecutive period in which earnings will fall below the previous year; the company said the decline would be less than the 48 percent drop posted in the fourth quarter. Navistar International Corp. said its earnings doubled. to \$46

million, in the second quarter ended April 30 from the period a year ago, because of strong demand for its trucks and diesel engines, better pricing and cost-cutting measures.

## Chips Become a Sector for All Seasons TRADE: Dow Plunges Sharply

By Mitchell Martin

usonal Herold Tribune PARIS - Wall Street this week woke up

to a cultural shift. "An interesting fact is that in the United States, the average age of an automobile in 1994 was eight years," Gary J. Grandbois of the research company Dataquest Inc. II. Now there are lot of reasons for this. but one of the reasons is young men no

performance of their personal computers." That performance requires a lot of onboard computer memory, and the chips that provide it are in short supply. Semi-conductor companies are unable to make enough chips to go around because their industry, accustomed to a boom-and-bust business cycle, is now struggling to keep up with a cultural shift toward electronics, led

by unexpectedly strong demand for PCs. Only the timidity of the chipmakers in committing the vast amount of capital needed to build chip factories, which cost about \$1 billion each, seems likely to limit the growth of the industry.

At Dataquest's annual European semiconductor conference Thursday, many of the speakers revised upward their estisaid Thursday. "This is the highest it's mates for 1995 sales, which no longer been since 1949 in the wake of World War matched presentations they had prepared a few weeks ago. Their numbers echoed a rally Wednesday in shares of U.S. companies that make equipment used to make longer derive their identity from automocomputer chips. biles, they derive it from the power and

The catalyst on Wednesday was a better-than-expected earnings report by Applied Materials Inc., which said its secondquarter profit rose 70 percent as sales were up 64 percent. Its stock rose \$11.516, to \$80,266, on the news. The advance also followed a prediction late Tuesday from the Semiconductor Industry Association that the global market for chips would

expand 40 percent this year, to \$142.3

At the Dataquest conference, Daniel L. Klesken, a managing director of the San Francisco-based investment firm Robertson, Stephens & Co., predicted that by 2005, the world market for chips would total \$700 billion

While the insatiable computer market is helping the chip industry shift away from its former cyclical nature, new industries, such as mobile telephony and automotive electronics, are providing new outlets. Alain Dutheil, a vice president of SGS-Thomson Microelectronics BV, the French-Italian venture, said that half of the current chip market is for applications

that did not exist 20 years ago. Despite the sparkling outlook for the industry, the massive amount of capital required to build new plants is a limiting factor. Mr. Grandbois of Dataquest predicted capital spending as a percentage of output would start falling in 1997.

## Buyout Firm Targets Canadian Brewer Labatt

TORONTO - Onex Corp. said Thursday it would offer to buy the Canadian brewer John Labatt Ltd. for about \$1.7 billion in a deal designed to focus the

company's efforts on its beer business. Onex, which specializes in buyouts, said once the transaction was completed it would sell off Labatt's broadcasting, sports and entertainment businesses, as well as some noncore brewing businesses. Labatt is the majority owner of the Toron-

to Blue Jays baseball team. Quilmes Industrial SA, an Argentine

brewery, will contribute 312.5 million Canadian dollars (\$231 million) to the buyout. Onex is offering 24 Canadian dollars (\$17.71) per share. The offer consists of

Foster's Brewing Group sells its British unit, Courage Ltd. Page 19.

21.25 dollars in cash and the rest in notes. It also includes the assumption of 1.4 billion in Labatt debt.

Labatt called the offer "inadequate." Shares in Labatt rose 2.375 dollars, to

Labatt markets 10 Canadian brands including Labatt's Blue and Labatt Ice Beer, and 32 regional brands. It also has beer operations in the United States and Italy and owns 22 percent of Fernsa Cerveza of Mexico, whose brands include Tecate, Carta Blanca and Dos Equis.

The initial offer will not include shares held by U.S. residents, Onex said.

David Cohen, an analyst at Research Capital Corp. said the offer was "a little light relative to the value of Labatt's assets."

(AP, Bloomberg)

Continued from Page 15 in goods and services of \$106.57

Meanwhile, Japan's trade surplus narrowed 2 percent from a year earlier, to \$10.88 billion in April, Tokyo said on Thursday, but economists said the pace remained too slow to ease tensions with major trad-

ing partners. In an ominous sign for To-kyo's dispute with Washington

over auto imports, the surplus

#### U.S. Stocks

expanded, rising 3 percent, to \$4.52 billion in April. The overall trade surplus "is set to shrink, especially in the July-September quarter," said Yasuyuki Komaki, an economist at NLI Research Institute. "But the tempo

may not be that remarkable." Massive import growth, fucled by the appreciation of the yen, is helping cut Japan's trade surplus, economists said. Imports rose 33.4 percent from a ear earlier in dollar terms during April, partly because of higher oil prices, and 17.9 percent in volume terms.

But exports also remained strong, climbing 21.5 percent in dollar terms and 6.3 percent in volume terms during the month. In March, Japan's over-all trade surplus fell slightly from a year ago to \$13.84 billion, but the gap with the United States rose to \$5.08 billion.

On Wall Street, a suggestion by Johnson & Johnson that

some analysts' 1995 earnings estimates might be too high also put pressure on the stock market Meanwhile, Wall Street analysts turned bearish on cyclical stocks like automakers.

At the end of the session. decliners had outpaced gainers on the Big Board by nearly a 3to-1 ration on volume of about

341 million shares. Technology stocks bucked: the trend, soaring on the heels of better-than-expected earnings from Applied Materials. Inc. and a trade group's forecast for 40 percent growth in with the United States actually the global chip market this year.

Applied Materials, which makes machines for chip plants, rose 1 15/32 to 81 47/64. The stock has risen 22 percent this

Micron Technology rose 312 to 931/2 as the chipmaker benefitted from the trend toward chip stocks.

Stocks in carmakers fell as investors sought shelter from big industrial companies that would be hurt in the event of a economic downturn. General Motors fell 14 to 45%. Ford fell

Chrylser fell 1% to 42%. The third-largest U.S. automaker announced a 25 percent rise in its quarterly dividend.

Johnson & Johnson fell 214 to 62 after the company warned Wednesday that analysis 1995 carnings estimates of \$3.62 per share were "a little on the high

(AP, Blogmberg, Reuters)

## U.S. Trade and Economic Reports Quash Early Dollar Rally

NEW YORK - The dollar edged higher against the yen, but slipped against European currencies Thursday as reports showing a slowing U.S. economy and a stubbornly high trade deficit crushed early enthusiasm.

The dollar had surged in early trading in New York amid reports that Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany would resign as head of the Free Democratic Party. Mr. Kinkel later confirmed that he would not seek reelection as chairman at a party conference next month.

Some traders said the move raised questions about the future of Mr. and economic news.

Kohl's government, and sold marks for dollars.

"People went very long on the Kinkel announcement," said Amy Smith of IDEA, a consulting firm. She said

#### Foreign Exchange

the dollar then fell back as traders began to think the surge was overdone. The dollar edged up to 86.90 yen from 86.75 yen on Wednesday. But it slipped to 1.4405 Deutsche marks from 1.4450 DM.

Traders said the dollar's early surge was not justified by any change in economic fundamentals, especially in light of Thursday's discouraging trade

delphia's Index of regional economic \$1.5778 from \$1.5700. activity reinforced the view that the U.S. economy was slowing. At the the Fed might ease before we get any- year ago, to \$10.88 billion, its samplus

percent in March. Reserve Board's policy-setting Open would keep rates stable at its next two Market Committee will likely hold policy meetings — next week and in rates steady, or even lower them, when July - reinforced the view that the it meets on Tuesday, traders and ana- Fed sees the economy slowing enough dollar by making U.S. deposits less attractive.

Against other currencies, the dollar February 1994. It last raised rates to 6 fell to 5.1060 French francs from percent on Feb I. 5.1150. It fell to 1.2020 Swiss francs A report from Japan early on Thurs-

The Federal Reserve Bank of Phila- from 1.2055. The pound rose to "The market is still speculating that

same time, the U.S. trade deficit thing else, said loe Francomano, a shrank a smaller-than-expected 0.4 trader at Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank. Remarks by Wayne Angell, a former The weak report means the Federal Fed governor, that the central bank

lysis said. Lower rates can hurt the to keep rates in check, traders said. The Fed has raised the rate on overnight bank loans seven times since

day showed that while Japan's merchandise trade surplus with the rest of the world fell 2 percent in April from a with the U.S. rose 3 percent, to \$4.52

America's trade deficit with Japan was about \$66 billion last year, leaving Japanese exporters with a wealth of policy meetings - next week and in dollars to sell for yen. Many analysts cite the trade gap as the main reason for the dollar's sharp decline against the yen this year. The U.S. on Tuesday announced

that it would slap pusitive tariffs on as much as \$5.9 billion in Japanese luxury car exports in an effort to force Japan to open as markets. 

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FRANKFURT — Deutsche Bank AG said Thursday that shrinking margins on loans contributed to a 7 percent decline in operating earnings in the first four months of the year, compared with the year-ago

> Hilmar Kopper, chief executive, said at the annual meeting that the bank was sticking to its goal of "clearly improving" carnings in 1995 even though it expects a tough year. He did not provide figures.
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ned," Mr. Kopper said. Operating profit is before tax but including risk provisions and trading income. Mr. Kopper said the bank would be hard-pressed to achieve its goals in 1995.

currency and capital markets has contin-

"One has to be quite clear about the fact that volumes are growing and margins are shrinking," he said, "And it's more and more difficult to reduce business to a single common denominator."

Deutsche Bank is working on a number of new projects, which "will pay off," he said. These include plans to launch a new direct banking subsidiary in the autumn.

In the first four months, trading income and earnings from the bank's foreign activi-ties were "better" than the previous year, Mr. Kopper said. He said the bank's earnings for the first third of the year were "well

above" a third of the previous year's total. Deutsche Bank posted an operating profit of 4.25 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.9) billion) last year.

Domestic interest and commission in-

come fell in the first four months, he said. Mr. Kopper said Deutsche Bank expects to reduce risk provisions in 1995.

"We expect them to be lower than 1994 but also than 1993," he said. Foreign business and its own-account

trading were up from 1994, the bank said. Mr. Kopper said Deutsche Bank would continue to expand its international business, which in 1994 accounted for 52 percent of total assets in 1994,

"Deutsche Bank is growing faster abroad than at home," he said. He said Deutsche Bank was the largest foreign bank in Spain and Italy, where it has networks of almost 600 branches, "almost as many as our competitors have in Ger-(Bloomberg, Reuters)

# VEBA to Float 45% of U.S. Chipmaker

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches step in the expansion of foreign holdings.

ESSEN, Germany - VEBA AG said Thursday it would float a 45-percent stake in its U.S. computer-chip subsidiary, MEMC Electronic Materials Inc. The diversified German utility said it

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would retain a 55 percent stake in the maker of silicon wafer chips. The company did not release a sale price, a date for the sale or a projection on how much it planned to raise.

MEMC, a subsidiary of VEBA's petro-chemical unit, Huels AG, had a 1994 profit of \$34 million on sales of about \$661 mil-

Ulrich Hartmann, the chief executive,

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Northern Electric PLC and

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Meanwhile, the compa-ny's Cunard Line unit that

owns the ship said its chief

executive, John Olsen,

would leave the company at

the end of the month "by

mutual agreement" and

would be replaced by Peter

Ward, chairman of Rolls-

Royce Motor Cars Ltd.

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The sale of stock in the unit "means that we are introducing a financial strategy to secure the increasing success and value" of MEMC, Mr. Hartmann said.

The shares will be registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and sold on the New York Stock Exchange and in Europe, VEBA said.

Separately, Mr. Hartmann called on the German government to begin awarding licenses for Germany's telecommunications market in 1996, two years before the market is to be liberalized.

Ulrich Hartmann, the chief executive, described the share sale as an important service provider in Germany with its tele-

communications venture with Cable & Wireless PLC, he said. (Bloomberg, AFX)

■ KHD Sees Losses and Seeks Partner Klöckner-Humboldt-Deutz AG said it

expected at least two more years of losses even though its shortfall in the first quarter was less than expected, news agencies reported from Cologne

The maker of diesel engines and agricultural machinery, which benefited from an 830 million DM aid package earlier this year, said it was seeking a partner that could take a stake in the company.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

## SCA Profit Soars After Acquisition

STOCKHOLM - Svenska Cellulosa AB said Thursday its first-quarter profit rose 169 percent as an acquisition bolstered sales and a global recovery raised demand for pulp and paper.

The forestry company posted pretax profit of 1.52 billion kronor (\$206.3 million), up from 566 million a year ago. The company's latest acquisition, PWA Papierwerke Waldhof-Aschaffenburg AG of Germany. contributed 317 million kronor to the profit total.

Sales rose 115 percent, to 16.75 billion kronor.

Svenska Cellulosa said that without PWA, its profit would still have more than double.

The company, whose acquisition of 75 percent of PWA made it Europe's largest forestry concern, said it raised its full-year pretax profit forecast to "5 to 6 hillion kronor" from an earlier forecast of 5 billion kronor.

The profit was higher than. expected, and shares in But Svenska Cellulosa is

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facing increasing pressure in its hygiene-products unit, Moeinlycke AB. A price war over diaperswith Procter & Gamble Co. has pushed prices down. Even though Svenska Cellulosa claimed its unit won market share in Europe, earnings at the unit fell to 203 million kronor from 257 million last year.

Moeinlycke, which produces the Libero diaper brand, has about 20 percent of the European market, second only to Procter & Gamble, which has about half.

■ Bowater Inflation Scan Michael Woodhouse, the chairman of Bowater PLC, said Thursday the company thought it had seen the "worst" of the major price increases in Europe in raw materials, AFX News reported from London.

He said North American demand was "good" but added that raw-material price increases there were following six months behind Europe.

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• Iran closed the free market for currency transactions and fixed a maximum rate of 3,000 rials to the dollar, ending five years of comparative freedom for exchange-rate movements. A shortage of foreign currency sent the dollar up to 7,000 rials early this month. • Nicholas Leeson, the trader accused of bringing down Barings Bank, lost his bid for release on bail when a German court

ordered Mr. Leeson held pending a formal review of charges. Vital Forsikring AS's board will study Den norske Bank AS's takeover bid more closely before deciding between that offer and a bid it previously accepted from the Dutch insurer Aegon NV.

overruled objections to an extradition request from Singapore and

• Electronic Data Systems Corp. ended talks to buy two computerservice and software units from Lucas Industries PLC because the companies could not agree on terms.

 British Gas PLC's net profit fell 11 percent on a current-cost basis, to £505 million (\$792.) million), in the first quarter of 1995. • Jefferson Smurfit Group PLC said it would invest a total of 410 million French francs (\$80.6 million) to increase output at a kraftliner mill and a coated wood-free products operation in AFP, Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg

## Costs of Competition Depress BT Profit

LONDON — Trafalgar New York in December be-House PLC, owner of the fore a \$45 million renova-Queen Elizabeth 2 passenger tion had been completed, 500 passengers had to be left behind in England because liner, reported a biggerthan-expected loss Thursday of £48.2 million (\$75.6 miltheir cabins were not ready. lion) for the six months end-

**QE2** Trips Up Trafalgar

The 600 who boarded suf-Trafalgar, which is part of the Jardine Matheson group, fered from faulty plumbing and repair problems that turned their cruise into a said the loss reflected weak foul-smelling frasco. markets and charges related to its failed takeover bid for

Trafalgar, whose operations also include construction, property development and hotels, set aside £7.5 million to cover compensation to QE2 passengers.

The company warned in February that it would have a loss in the half. Some analysts had expected a loss of about £22 million.

(Bloomberg, AP, Reuters).

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Profit fell at British Tele-

communications PLC as the company cut domestic telephone charges and made a big payout to reduce the work force by 18,500 people, it said Thursday.

BT reported after-tax earnings of £352 million (\$552.1 million) for the three months ended March 31, down from profit of £365 million in the comparable period a Revenue came to £3.58 billion in the

quarter just ended, up from £3.49 billion a For the full year to March 31, BT report-

ed net profit of £1.74 billion, down from profit of £1.81 billion a year earlier. Revenue rose nearly 2 percent, to £13.89 billion in the year just ended.

Pretax profit fell to £2.66 billion (4.18 billion dollars), compared with £2.76 billion the previous year. The result was in line with analysts' expectations, but shares fell 3 pence, to 401 pence.

BT said price reductions of about £800

million increased the volume of telephone calls within Britain by 7 percent. But because the calls cost consumers less money. revenue on that business fell 4.9 percent.

a profit of £203 million on a sale of stock in AT&T Corp., and a one-time charge of £820 million for reducing the work force. BT said its payroll was reduced by 18,500

BT said its results were also affected by

people, to 137,500, with most leaving through voluntary retirement offers. In the previous year, British Telecom had paid out £517 million to cut the work force.

BT said it had earnings of about £69 million from its 20 percent stake in MCI Communications Corp., which it purchased for \$4.3 billion on Sept. 30. BT said this share of MCI's profit was roughly equal to its cost for financing the deal with the U.S. telephone company.

Robert Brace, the finance director, said price-cutting and layoff charges would have a lower impact on the current-year to as low as up to £500 million. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP) ■ France Is Key to Approval of Atlas

what it expected to be less stringent regula-

tory demands would cost BT £400 million

in 1995-96, while job-cut charges could fall

The European Commission said it could

not rule on whether to allow Deutsche Telekom AG and France Telecom to form a joint venture until the new French government confirms that it will accelerate opening its telecommunications market, Bloomberg Business News reported from London.

The German cartel office also issued a statement saying the venture, called Atlas, which would also include U.S. telephone company Sprint Corp., should not go ahead because it is anti-competitive.

Although France Telecom allows competition in some services, such as mobiletelephone service, it has resisted deregulating its basic telephone market, which is a stumbling block to approval of Atlas.

### Telegraph Buyout Fizzles

LONDON - Shares in Telegraph PLC plunged 12 percent Thursday after companies controlled by the Canadian publisher Conrad Black said they had ended plans to buy out minority shareholders.

Telegraph stock fell 50 pence, to 383 pence, in active trading. The decision by Hollinger Inc. and its American Publishing Co. unit, which together own 58.5

an agreement with an independent committee of directors from Telegraph, publisher of Britain's most widely circulated broadsheet, the Daily Telegraph.

Hollinger said financing for the transaction had been arranged. It did not say why the Telegraph directors had not recommended a sale. Spokesmen at the Toronto-based newspaper company could not be reached percent of Telegraph, was made for comment Wednesday

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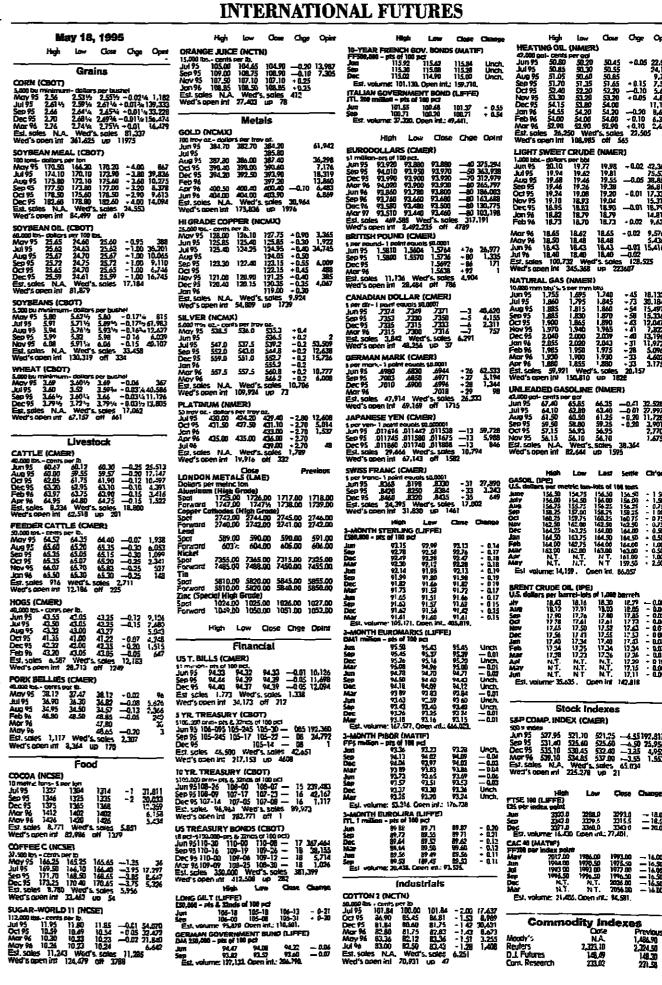
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MELBOURNE - Foster's Brewing Group Ltd. ended more than a year of speculation Thursday by announcing the sale of its Britain-based brewing operation to Scottish & Newcastle PLC in a deal valued at 1.2 billion Australian dollars

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(\$875 million). Foster's said it would sell its Courage Ltd. brewing unit for an initial payment of 924 million dollars, and that an additional 252 million dollars would be received over the next three years through an agreement involving its interest in British

A further 26 million dollars was expected from rights to 10 million Scottish & Newcastle shares.

The decision to sell Courage followed increased competition in Britain from less-expensive imports and a regulatory climate subject to frequent change. Ted Kunkel, the company's chief executive, said the British beer industry had been subjected to 33 inquiries over the past 30 years by the govern-

He also said the sale of Courage would enable Foster's to pursue growth opportunities in other countries, including China and India "It puts Foster's said that it expected to generate

SHANGHAI - The key index on the Shanghai

The bond-futures market has been highly ac-

tive in recent weeks, and analysts said the ban freed up several billion yuan to be invested

The Shanghai A share index, which tracks

stocks reserved for Chinese investors, climbed to

796.32 points, up from 602.75 points on Wednes-

day. The index hasn't traded that high since

September 30. Nearly 8.5 billion yuan (\$1.0 bil-

lion) in shares changed hands, up from just 124.9

"It's all a bit crazy," said Zhang Yuying, a trader at Pingan Insurance Co., which has more

than 100 million yuan invested in the equity

market. "I expect prices to bounce around at

these levels for a while because there's so much

Individuals said that institutions were able to

make transactions before small investors because

of preferential treatment offered at many securi-

ties houses. "I can't get in," said Chen Liying, a

gift-product saleswoman who failed in her at-

14 yuan each at the opening bell. "The big prises.

million yuan on Wednesday.

money floating around."

bourse soared 32 percent to a seven-month high

on Thursday as money piled into stocks following

a nationwide ban on bond-futures trading.

tion and enables a strategic and more than £2.2 billion with a management focus on acquisitions in the beverage and bever- include Beck's, Coors, Miller,

deal would be enhanced by roydollars over the next 10 years on sition would be approved by the Foster's brand. Poster's, British regulatory authorities. which is 37-percent owned by Scottish & Newcastle said the Australia's largest company, Broken Hill Pty., is the second largest-selling brand of beer in

The agreement gives Scottish appolies Commission & Newcastle the exclusive right antitrust authority. to brew, package and market Foster's brands in Britain and Continental Europe for an unlimited period. It also allows a Foster's joint venture with pence in London. Grand Metropolitan PLC, Inntrepreneur Estates Ltd., to remain tied to Courage for beer supplies until March 1998, Foster's owns 50 percent of 4,330

pubs through the venture.

Edinburgh-based Scottish & market is not growing."

Foster's paid £1.3 billion for 1985 as part of what ing new shares at 475 pence the company's former chief exeach to existing shareholders in ecutive, John Elliot, called a order to raise £354 million campaign to "Fosterize the (\$555 million). It said it would sell one new share for every seven held in the rights issue.

Scottish & Newcastle also

Ban Lifts Shanghai Equities

in an excellent financial posi- combined annual beer sales of portfolio of brands that would age-related industries," he said. Courage Best, Kronenbourg, Mr. Kunkel added that the Holsten and Foster's.

Analysts in London said it payments of 152 million was unclear whether the acquipurchase would give it a 25-percent share of the British market, which might prompt a referral to the Mergers and Monopolies Commission, Britain's

> Foster's shares fell 3 cents, closing at 1.27 dollars, in Sydney, while Scottish & Newcastle shares fell seven pence, to 540

> Referring to Scottish & Newcastle, Jonathan Goble, an analyst at the brokerage Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "My incli-

Courage in 1985 as part of what world." But Courage did not live up to expectations and bas been a profit-drainer in the Foster's brewing family.
(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

institutions are controlling everything, making it

Spencer Liu, an 82-year-old former employee at a foreign-trade company, added: "Everyone

wants to buy today because of the bond-futures

trading ban. We're all expecting a big jump in

The China Securities Regulatory Commission

issued a circular late Wednesday, suspending

bond-futures trading across the country. The

circular, carried in all major state media, said

China was "not yet equipped" for trading in

Analysts said that investors in the bond mar-

ket took that as a signal to pile back into stocks.

The A-class shares are sold exclusively to domes-

tic investors, while B shares can be bought by

The World Bank said Thursday that China

needed to press ahead with reforms of its state-

owned enterprises if it was to maintain economic

growth and prevent social unrest, Reuters report-

A new report by the World Bank called "Meet-

ing the Challenge of Chinese Enterprises Re-

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too dangerous for individual investors."

### Nomura Restores **Errant Executives** To Board Posts

By Steven Brull International Herald Tribune

TOKYO - Nomura Securities Co., said Thursday it would rehabilitate two executives who resigned four years ago to take the blame for the company's dealings with organized crime and covering losses for big-time clients.

After serving as "advisers" to Japan's biggest secu-rities company the past four years, the former chairman. Setsuya Tabuchi, and former president Yoshihisa Tabuchi will rejoin its board. the company said. The two are not related.

The move came as a surprise in Japan because Nomura has been trying to reform its image by promoting younger executives and revamping its research.

It also underscored how the common Japanese practice of officials and executives resigning to accept responsibility for wrongdoings is often more a charade than a sacrifice. Given the title of

"adviser." many fallen executives simply go about their

business as usual. "Nothing had changed except the titles on the door. said Alicia Ogawa, a financial analysi at Salomon Brothers Inc. "They continued to wield the same influ-

A Nomura spokesman said their elevation was needed to permit them to play more active roles in cultivating new business, particularly in Asia, where corporate rank can be a key to

He said the executives. who had been key players in building Nomura into the world's biggest securities company in the late 1980s. would not be members of the "management committee," which makes the most important decisions.

Analysts said Nomura's move showed that during a period of financial distress for Japan's securities companies, top executives with proven skills had enough clout to reclaim their status.

### Brokerage Profits Vanish

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Three of Japan's four largest brokerage houses reported large losses Thursday, reversing yearearlier profits, and the largest one, Nomura Securities Co., said its current profit fell 87 percent

Smaller companies fared no better in the year ended March 31, as the 16 other brokerage concerns listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange reported losses totaling 206.56 billion yen (\$2.39 billion).

In addition to the strong yen and the effects of the Kobe earthquake in January, brokers blame their woes on Tokyo's dismal stock market, dwindling trading commis-sions and their loss of business to foreign companies and to financial centers outside Japan.

"Just as the U.S. brokers toppled England's largest securities firms," said Atsushi Saito, Nomura's executive managing director, referring

to New York's eclipse of London as a financial center in this century, "the same thing is happening here in Japan, and we just can't sit by and ignore that fact."

Nomura, Japan's largest securities concern, said its current profit fell to 6.80 billion yen from 50.69 billion yen the previous year.

Daiwa Securities Co., the second-biggest, slipped to a loss of 32.59 billion yen from a profit of 24.57 billion yen. Nikko Securities Co. also foundered, posting a loss of 22.74 billion yen after profit of 16.81 billion yen, and Yamaichi Securities Co. plunged to a loss of 52.59 billion yen from earnings of 20.37 billion yen.

Their performances, combined with those of the smaller firms, meant the brokerage industry more than quadrupled its loss of 71 billion yen in the previous year.

(AFP. AP, Bloomberg)

### **Profits Rise** But Japan's **Traders Say** Sales Fall

Compiled by Our Stall From Dispatches TOKYO - Japan's major trading companies posted generally higher annual profits Thursday but sounded cautious about the current year, reflecting flat or declining revenue in the period ended March 31,

Itochu Corp. showed the biggest rise, as its unconsolidated current profit rose 19 percent from a year earlier, to 36.60 billion ven (\$423.9 million). Sales, however, slipped 1 per-

cent, to 15.94 trillion yen, in the year ended March 31, and a spokesman for the Osaka-based company said, "We can't foresee any meaningful growth" this year.

Mitsubishi Corp., said current profit rose 16 percent, to 58.27 billion yen, its first increase in four years. But revenue was off 2 percent, at 13.81 trillion ven. Mitsui & Co. posted a 9 per-

cent profit increase, at 50.6 billion yen, but sales fell 5 percent. to 15.08 trillion yen.

Marubeni Corp, went against the trend, as its current profit fell 15 percent, to 35.08 billion yen, but it forecast an improvement this year, to 38 billion yen. Its revenue fell 5 percent, to 14.37 trillion yen.

Marubeni blamed the yen's rise and falling interest earnings for its showing. A Sumitomo Corp. executive, Muneo Shigematsu, said that while Japan's strong currency had allowed companies to pay less for goods they import the ven's rise was 'not really favorable overall,"

Sumitomo said unconsolidated current profit was 35,55 billion yen, little changed from 35.54 billion yen, as revenue fell 3 percent. (Bloomberg, AFP)

■ Tokyo Stocks Head Lower Stocks fell to their lowest level in a month, and traders cited foreign reluctance to buy Japanese shares with the dollar rising and concern about the weak Japanese economy, Bloomberg Business News reported.
The Nikkei 225-stock index

lost 158.79 points, or 0.96 percent, to end at 16,312.56, its lowest close since April 18. Declining issues outnumbered advancers by more than 2 to 1.

Financial issues, including Fuji Bank Ltd. and Sanwa Bank cited concern about the banking sector's ability to cope with Jap-

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 Mitsubishi Estate Co., blaming rising vacancy rates and falling rents in Japan, posted a 31 percent decline in annual profit, to 32.69 billion yen (\$378.6 million) for the year ending March 31. It refused to comment on the effect of the bankruptcy filing last week by its Rockefeller Center subsidiary in New York.

 Shimizu Corp.'s pretax profit plunged 70 percent, to 36.59 billion yen, and other major construction companies reported steep profit declines for the year ended in March. Toray Industries Inc.'s consolidated pretax earnings fell 13

percent, to 30.2 billion yen, but sales edged up 2 percent in the year ended in March. Hong Kong's credit rating of A3 reflects political and economic uncertainty stemming from the colony's growing integration with

the colony. Metro Pacific Corp., a Philippine unit of First Pacific Co. of Hong Kong, had first-quarter net income of 52.8 million pesos (\$2.1 million), double the year-earlier figure.

China, Moody's Investors Service Inc. said in an annual report on

 Australian company profits were 6.4 billion dollars (\$4.7 billion) in the first quarter, 8.3 percent more than a year earlier.

• National Australia Bank Ltd. posted a 10 percent increase in net profit for the six months ended March 31, to 954 million dollars from 868.8 million dollars a year earlier. Reuers, AFP, Bloomberg, AP

### Packer's Fortune Dwindles

SYDNEY - The personal wealth of Australia's richest man, the media executive Kerry Packer, shrank by almost half over the past year, according to a study released Thursday.

The study, conducted annually by an Australian business magazine, still has Mr. Packer well ahead of the second-richest Australian but says his net as- sons for the decline in Mr. Packsets have fallen by 2.5 billion Ltd., led the decline. Traders Australian dollars (\$1.82 billion) since May 1994, to 3 bil- in the value of publicly traded lion dollars.

Review Weekly outlines a difficult 12 months for Mr. Packer. including some big corporate defeats and an unsolved theft last month of 5.4 million dollars of gold bars from his Sydney

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"The gold was fully insured," the magazine's editor, David Uren, added, and the main reaer's fortune were a drop in his private company's profit, a fall companies he is associated with

## Hong Kong Exchange Is 'Coming Clean'

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treasury-bond futures.

HONG KONG - Revelations this month that senior executives of three Hong Kong companies had criminal records have prompted charges that the stock exchange does not do enough to protect investors.

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd., admitting that its system of screening share sales broke down, asked the territory's top securities regulator on Wednesday to help it review its standards of disclosure.

Exchange officials are examining how their review system failed following the disclosure on Tuesday that Goldlion Holdings Ltd. sold shares in

ed twice for misleading consumers with false labels on Goldlion products.

gift-product saleswoman who failed in her at-tempt to buy 10,000 shares of Tibet Pearl Co. at efficiency of China's 104,000 state-owned enter-

Stock-exchange officials admitted that they failed to follow their own disclosure rules when disclosure Coldlion sold shares, and cords. pledged to tighten their stan-dards with the help of the Securities & Futures Commission.

Herbert Hui, the head of listing at the exchange, said: "I've come clean. These problems are cropping up too much to sweep

records suggested that the ex- tors have been required to sign

1992 without telling investors change was making progress in a declaration saying they have its chairman had been convict- keeping investors informed.

The revelation of Mr. Tsang's record followed the resignation of two executives of Win Win International Holdings Ltd. earlier this month after it was disclosed they had criminal re-

A spokesman said a panel composed of officials from the stock exchange and the Securities & Futures Commission would consider requiring all directors to provide a certificate from the police saying they had no criminal convictions before their companies sell shares.

Since November 1993, direc-

For investors, the latest revelations underscored the potential pitfails of investing in many

Asian markets, where openness often falls short of Western standards. "If you're surprised by any of this, you shouldn't be investing in Asia," said Eric Sandlund of

Prudential Portfolio Managers

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### For Nomo, a 14-K Gem but No W

Thus far, here's the line on Hideo Nomo: Four starts, no decisions, no

dull moments. Nomo struck out 14, the most in the majors this season, and allowed only two hits in seven innings Wednesday night. But he was relieved after throwing 106 pitches and the Los Angeles Dodgers' bullpen blew a two-run lead as the visiting

Pittsburgh Pirates won, 3-2. No matter what Nomo threw, the Pirates didn't have much luck hitting it. He was both overpowering and dazzling, mixing an assortment of hard breaking pitches with a true major-league fastball that had batters guessing and lunging.

He got a standing ovation after his lith strikeout, in the fifth inning. then heard the crowd chant, "No-mo, No-mo" in the seventh.

"It's a really good feeling," he said through an interpreter. "I'm not frus-

he had not yet decided whether to release American slugger Kevin Mitchell, who has not been playing

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because of a disputed knee injury. Ryuzo Setoyama of the Daiei because I want to pick up wins for the

"Maybe I could have gone longer,"

same way he finished up his three previous starts: without a decision. In his other three starts, Nomo pitched five innings of one-hit ball in San Francisco, allowed seven runs and three homers in Colorado and

#### NL ROUNDUP

pitched four hitless innings against St. Louis, allowing three runs and

This time, Nomo walked only three and lowered his earned-run average almost two points, to 3.48. The 14 strikeouts gave him the National League lead with 33, and the Pirates comeback was almost an afterthought to those who watched the

"He was spectacular. To pitch the

TOKYO — The president of the Pukuoka Daiei Hawks said Thursday with the Daiei Hawks for one of the

Hawks confirmed that Mitchell's name had been taken off the Japanese team's list of players Wednes-day, but added: "We are now studying his future."

But Nomo ended up this game the

seven walks.

pitching performance.

trated, but I'm a little disappointed way he did and not win that ballgame

### Japanese Team Close to Dropping Mitchell

Mitchell, 33, who left the Cincinlargest salaries in Japanese basebali, an estimated \$5.3 million, has batted .247 with six home runs in 28 games.

He hurt his right knee in mid-April, and has not played since last Friday. Mitchell wants medical treatment, but doctors who examined the injury Monday didn't regard it as serious son. enough to affect his playing. Kyodo A News Service said.

is really a sad, sad, sad situation," said the Dodgers' manager, Tom La-

Pittsburgh tied, at 2, on RBI singles by Dave Clark and Jeff King. Then, in the ninth, Mark Parent opened with a single off Todd Williams. Pinch-runner Angelo Encarnacion was bunted to second and scored the winning run on Brumfield's line

single to center off Antonio Osuna.
Nomo, who threw at least 140 pitches in a game 61 times during his five seasons with the Kintetsu Buffa-

loes, said he could have gone longer.
"He didn't have any pitch limit,"
Lasorda said. "We just felt he hasn't pitched very long, and he hadn't gone more than five innings before. So we weren't going to push him any far-

Phillies 3, Martins 1: In Miami, not even six innings without a hit could stop Philadelphia.

Chris Hammond took a no-hitter into the seventh, but the first hit of the game was Mariano Duncan's RBI double that tied the score 1-1 Then pinch-hitter Mickey Moran-

dini's two-run homer off Richie Lewis in the top of the 13th beat the Marlins. Rockies 6, Braves 5: Mike Kingery drove in three runs, his hit in the eighth breaking a tie, as visiting Colorado scored six times off Greg Mad-dux, doubling the number of runs the

Award winner has allowed this sea-And the Rockies beat the Braves for just the third time in 26 games

three-time defending Cy Young



Hideo Nomo, caught by a multiple-exposure photograph, struck out 14 Pirates and gave up just two hits.

since they joined the league in 1993. Reds 6, Expos 2: Ron Gant drove in Cincinnati's go-ahead run in the sixth, scored an insurance run later that inning and hit an RBI triple in

the ninth in Montreal. Giants 2, Cubs 1: In San Francisco,

deck in right in the seventh to drive in at home, with Lois Gonzalez tying a both runs against Chicago.

Mark Portugal allowed a run in the

first, but then retired 20 straight Cubs and allowed just three hits in 7%

Astros 7, Mets 2: Houston got 14 Barry Bonds homered off the upper hits to break out of its hitting slump

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career high with four hits and driving in two runs with a triple in a threerun first against New York. Padres 2, Cardinals 1: Melvin Nieves, in a 2-for-22 slump, hit a two-

run homer as San Diego won its 12th straight home game against St. Louis.

### Rangers Sweep Three From Jays

Kevin Gross's earned run average rose from 9.82 to 10.35 against the Toronto Blue Jays, but he still got his first Ameri-

can League victory.

"I really struggled with my control," he said after the Texas Rangers' 12-7 victory.

The Rangers, who complete a three game sweep Wednesday night, fell behind by 5-0 in the second, when Gross gave up a bases-empty homer to John

#### AL ROUNDUP

Olerud, Devon White, his a three-run drive and Domingo Cedeno got his first big league

But the Rangers came back with six runs in the bottom of the inning and three more in the third. Dean Palmer homered in

both innings.
"We did get the lead," said
Toronto's manager, Cito Gaston, "but it didn't last 10 minutes. We could use a day off, that's for sure."

Danny Darwin was pounded for all nine runs and 10 hits in 215 innings. His ERA nearly doubled, from 4.96 to 8.68. The Rangers, who got TS has

finished the series with 30 mins and 41 hits. Orioles 7, Tigers 4: Jeff Manto hit his first homer since 1991 during a five-run sixth inning, as Baltimore, playing at home, overcame a four-run def-

icit and two homers by Detroit's Cecil Fielder. Kevin Brown pitched eight innings, matching his career high with 10 strikeouts, allow-

ing eight hits but no walks.
Twins 7, Angels 3: Rookie
Marty Cordova hit a two-run homer, and Minnesota took advantage of three errors to score five uncarned runs off visiting California.

Kevin Tapani, who scattered nine hits, stranded four runners at third base in seven-plus innings. He had a shutout until Jim Edmonds homered leading off the seventh.

White Sox 6, Athletics 4: Mike LaValliere, with just one previous hit this season, put Chicago ahead with a two-run double in the seventh.

Visiting Oakland turned six double plays, tying a team re-cord, but one short of the AL

Mariners 4, Royals 0: Edgar Martinez doubled in two of the fifth inning's four runs as visiting Seattle won its fourth game of the last 11. we uno. 1:49: % of the last 11.

Red Sox 8, Brewers 2: Mo Vaughn drove in three runs for visiting Boston, while Milwau-

The Brewers had gone 20 consecutive innings without a run before reliever Ken Ryan, on B.J. Surhoff's grounder,

#### SCOREBOARD

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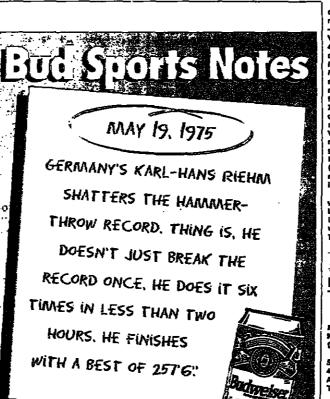
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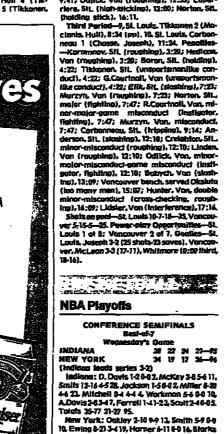
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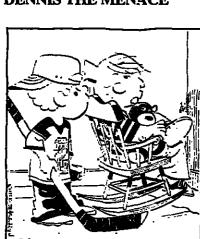
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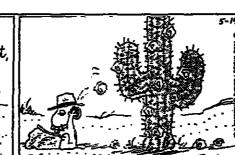
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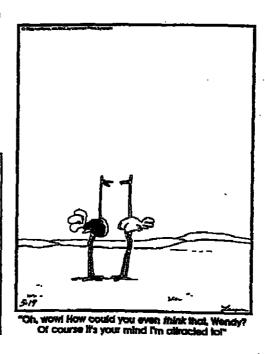
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A-MAZED - Olivier Rouma led his French teammates through drifts in Pretoria as the last of the teams - England. Wales, Ireland, Argentina, Italy, Romania and Ivory Coast - arrived in South Africa for the month-long World Cup.

### 2 Chinese Women Break Vault Record

Agence France-Press TAIYUAN, China — Zhong Guiqing and Sun Caiyun both broke the world record for the women's pole vault Thursday at the national athletics champion-

ships. Each cleared the bar at 4.08 meters (13 feet, 41/2 inches), the 18-year-old Zhong on her first try at the championships here in the capital of the northern province of Shanzi. Sun made it on her second try, then failed in an attempt at 4.15 meters.

They broke two records that are still pending ratification by the International Amateur Athletic Federation in Monaco, the 4.06-meter vault by Sun in March and the 4.07-meter effort that her teammate, Cai Weivan, recorded earlier this month.

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Earlier Thursday, the China Sports Daily reported that the IAAF had carried out unannounced drug tests on five top Chinese women athletes at the championships, among them the pole-vanlter Cai.

It said the others were triple jumper Ren Ruiping, the bronze medalist in the world indoor championships in Barcelona in March; long jumper Yao Welli, who won the Asian Games gold medal last October only a tiny fraction of their athletes are with an event record 6.91-meter leap, and involved and that the positive tests should Sui Ximmei, who won the shotput in Hiro-

A second shotputter, Zhang Linhong, was also tested, the paper said. The tests were conducted by two offi-

cials of the IAAF's anti-drug commission, Nils Lindstedt and Petra Lodstedt, who would take the urine samples to Sweden for analysis. It was the ninth time this year that Chinese athletes had been give unannounced tests, the newspaper said.

The championships, which began Wednesday, will serve as a national trial for the world championships in August in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Chinese authorities pledged to clamp down on drug use after 11 athletes, seven of them swimmers, tested positive at the games in Hiroshima. Officials of the Pan Pacific Swim Championships later barred the Chinese team from competing in Atlanta this August.

Beijing has admitted that drugs are a problem in Chinese sports. But National Olympic Committee officials insist that

Both have said the each other before ships on Aug. 5-13.

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not overshadow the country's recent sporting achievements.

• World and Olympic 100-meter champion Linford Christie will race against world record holder Leroy Burrell, double Olympic sprint champion Carl Lewis and Dennis Mitchell in Moscow in September, meet officials said Thursday.

Mike Marsh, the Olympic 200-meter champion, and Canada's Bruny Surin have also been lined up for the 100-meter race on Sept. 3 during the NIKE-World Class track and field competition in Moscow's Lokomotiv Stadium, officials said.

Alexander Lubimov, a spokesman for the promoter World Class, declined to how much Linford would be paid for his first race in Russia. Lewis was understood to have asked for \$100,000 to compete in Moscow for the first time since

Both have said they do not want to race each other before the world champion-

## Another Thriller, and Game, for Knicks

### Miller Can't Trump **Ewing This Time**

Compiled by Our Staff From Departmen

NEW YORK - Slowed by injuries. often in foul trouble, outscored by Rik Smits, Patrick Ewing still managed to save the New York Knicks.

Ewing, whose rebound dunk with 26 seconds left in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals last year crushed the Indiana Pacers' nopes, did it again Wednesday night just when it appeared that the visitors - playoff losers to the Knicks the last two seasons —would take a series from the Knicks for the first time. He scored only 19 points, and for most of the game was dramatically outplayed by

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Smits, the Pacers' center, but won it with a spinning jumper in the lane with 1.8 seconds left. The 96-95 loss left the Pacers shaking their heads, but still with a 3-2 lead in the best-of-7 conference semifinal.

"I thought I was Michael Jordan," said Ewing, who was 7 for 20 from the field before that shot. "It's always a big man's dream to get the ball, spin and drive. It was the same move I'd been making all game.

only this time it went in."

After he picked up his fifth foul, with two minutes left, the Knicks took a seven-

point lead only to give it all back.
Two free throws by Anthony Mason, who got all 13 of his points in the final period, put them ahead by 94-87 with 53 seconds to play. The 6-foot, 7-inch Mason had also guarded the 7-4 Smits for most of the final period, holding him scoreless after the Pacers' center outscored Ewing, 28-13, through three quarters.

"I try to front him, maybe get him frus-trated," Mason said, "anything to keep him from the basket."

But then it was Miller time again. Reggie Miller built his reputation in New York with 25 points in the fourth quarter of Game 5 last year, giving Indiana a 3-2 series lead. In last week's Game I, he scored eight points in the final seconds. And, though he hadn't made a shot from

32 seconds left made it 94-92. After Indiana controlled a jump ball, Byron Scott's 3-pointer with 5.9 seconds left put the Pacers in front. Scott had been 4-of-17 in the series.

the field in this quarter, his 3-pointer with

The Knicks called time with their season on the line, and in a game that meant so much to their franchise, they went to their franchise player. Mason inbounded the ball to Starks, who came close to traveling with it. From the top of the key, Starks passed to Ewing, who drove to his right, dribbled into the lane, spun back to his left and jumped over Antonio Davis for his patented jump shot. The ball hit nothing but net. The crowd roared.

been able to often make recently, mainly because Smits was usually in his way. But Smits wasn't on the floor for this play.



said Smits, who led Indiana with 28 points, although he didn't score in the fourth quarter. "But it didn't work out. Reggie made a big shot, Byron made a big

shot and Patrick made a big shot." Many of the Pacers thought that not only the last shot was big.

"Patrick hit a big shot, and he took a couple of big steps to get there." Miller

And he almost pulled off another miracle after Ewing's basket. The Pacers called time and inbounded

the ball to their star. Under tight defense It was the kind of move Ewing hadn't on the right side, he got off a 30-foot shot that hit the side of the rim as time expired.

"To tell the truth, I thought it was going down," said Miller, who finished with 23

pointers. "All you want is a good look, and I got a good look. I want to take that last shot, to be either the hero or the goat. But that was a fantastic game, what the playoffs are all about.'

The series moves to Indianapolis, followed by Game 7 back in New York on Sunday if the Knicks win Friday night. Only four teams in NBA history have

come back from a 3-1 deficit to win a playoff series, and no team has done it since 1981, when the Boston Celtics over-

"When all seems lost, you have to stay the course," said the Knicks' coach, Pat Riley. "As trite as it sounds, you have to keep believing. We saved the game here at "It was a little bit of dejà vu from Game points but made just 3-of-11 of his 3- home and upped the ante." (AP, NYT)

### Wife Has Given Up Hope For English Sailor Mitchell

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, South Carolina - The wife of Henry Mitchell says that she has accepted the probability that the 70-year-old English sailor, last heard from March 2 during the BOC Challenge, will not be found.

At a gathering to honor Mitchell on Tuesday night at the headquarters of the around-the-world yacht race, his wife, Diana, said that it was not unusual to have lost contact with her husband while he was at sea. But, she said, she has accepted that this time he will not return.

"I realize now that it's likely Harry's not going to show up at all, and I wanted this chance for his colleagues and friends to say good-bye," she said. Mitchell was about 1,500 miles west of Cape Horn and in a storm when a distress signal was activated aboard his 40-foot yacht, Henry Hornblower. Weeks of searching the area have

turned up no trace of Mitchell or the boat. "From what we know now, and this can only be speculation, it appears Henry Hornblower may have been over-whelmed quickly by the storm of March 2," said the race

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#### Preakness Favorite to Start Outside

BALTIMORE, Maryland (Reuters) - Thunder Gulch, the Kentucky Derby winner and early 2-1 favorite for Saturday's 120th Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course, drew the outside 11th post position Thursday.

Talkin Man, the 4-1 second choice and the expected early frontrumer, drew the No. 4 position while Timber Country, third in the Derby and the 9-2 third choice, drew the No. 7 spot. The complete draw, starting with the No. 1 post position:

Itron (20-1), Our Gatsby (10-1), Mystery Storm (20-1), Talkin Man (4-1), Tejano Run (6-1), Pana Brass (30-1), Timber Country (9-2), Star Standard (12-1), Mecke (15-1), Oliver's Twist (12-1) and Thunder Guich (2-1).

#### Mitchell Leads Spanish Open Golf

MADRID (AP) - Peter Mitchell of England carded three eagles Thursday en route to a 6-under-par 66 that gave him the first-round lead in the Spanish Open.

Ignacio Garrido of Spain was at 67, with Phillip Price of Wales, Costantino Rocca of Italy, and José Rivero of Spain at 68.

The field includes five former Masters champions: Seve Ballesteros (70), José María Olazábal (73), Bernhard Langer (71), Sandy

Lyle (75) and Ian Woosnam (75). If Langer makes the cut for a 56th straight time, he will tie a record that has stood since 1979.

## Blackhawks Still Can't Shake Maple Leafs

The Chicago Blackhawks, though they have been trying since 1938, still have not eliminated the Toronto Maple Leafs from the playoffs.

The Blackhawks had a chance to finally knock off their longtime rivals in the playoffs Wednesday night, but lost, 5-4, in an overtime that forced a decisive Game 7 in their Western Conference series.

The Blackhawks outplayed the Maple Leafs for most of the 70 minutes, but couldn't overcome a troublesome second period, when they were faced with five power plays and were outscored by 3-0.

"We just couldn't finish them off," said forward Denis Savard. "We were in the penalty box all period. That takes the momentum away."

The Maple Leafs won on Randy Wood's second goal of the game, 10 minutes into the overtime.

Chicago outshot Toronto, 50-37, with a 7-3 advantage in overtime. And the Blackhawks' Murray Craven fired a shot off final shot.

Mats Sundin made a sensational rush, carried the puck behind Chicago's net and, when he came around to the side of goaltender Ed Belfour, lost control of the puck. But Belfour, meanwhile, had gone down in a pileup at his crease.

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"I figured if Mats couldn't stuff it he'd at least pop it out into the slot, which luckily happened," Wood said. "I was just looking for any garbage that was going to be lying around

His shot squeezed under several sets of legs, slid across the line and brought the capacity crowd of 15,700 at Maple Leaf Gardens to its feet.

"I'm telling you, when you come into Maple Leaf Gardens and the Toronto Maple Leafs are against the wall, you're not just playing the Leafs, you're playing the whole world," said

The Maple Leafs have won

five playoff series from the Blackhawks since 1938. Along with Wood's two goals. Dmitri Mironov, Tie Domi and Mike Ridley scored for Toronto. Dirk Graham, Savard, Joe Murphy and Brent Sutter scored for Chicago.

Chicago dominated the first period and led, 1-0, on Gra-ham's goal. Only outstanding goaltending by Felix Potvin kept Toronto, outshot by 19-8 that period, in contention.

Referee Terry Gregson, who hadn't allotted a power play in the first period, then assessed Chicago five of the six penalties he called in the second.

Mironov, on a power play, Domi and Ridley scored that period, then Wood followed with a fourth consecutive Toronto goal 55 seconds in the third period on a power play carrying over from the second.

Then the Blackhawks rallied. Savard scored at 2:48 on a power play and Murphy at 12:49 game, in the third, as the Blues to make it close. Belfour, who completed the rout.

a goalpost four minutes in, but the Blackhawks' coach, Darryl had been replaced by Jeff Hackit was the Leafs who got the Sutter. was then sent back in by Sutter.

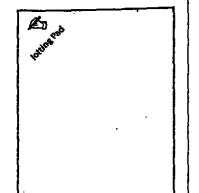
Brent Sutter made it 4-4 at 15:23. Potvin stopped Savard's high shot but lost sight of the puck. Sutter saw it at Potvin's feet as the goalie looked about, and it was in the net before Potvin knew what was happening. Sharks 5, Flames 3: In San

Jose, Craig Janney scored two unassisted goals and Wade Fla-berty made 30 saves to help end Calgary's three-game winning streak and tie that series at 3-3.

Jeff Odgers' first goal of the playoffs, in the second period, gave the Sharks a 3-2 lead. Janney then scored the game-winner with 16 seconds left in the period when he beat Trevor Kidd from the slot.

Blues 8, Canucks 2: Brett Hull and Esa Tikkanen each scored twice as St. Louis won in Vancouver and sent their series to a seventh game.

Hull scored both his goals in the first period, then assisted on Tikkanen's second goal of the



director, Mark Schrader.

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### Time for a Speech

By Russell Baker

Winter is when they get you for commencement speeches. In winter it's hard to believe in ing will ever commence again.

commencement speakers know this. So they strike in winter. The phone rings. Will you come in faraway May and make a commencement speech?

The honor is almost irresistible. And since May will downhill. probably never come, it's unlikely a speech will actually have to be given. Even if May should come, in the meantime you might get lucky and die and not have to make the speech.

All this I know from long experience. Many times have I agreed in dead of winter to make come a highly unsatisfactory commencement speeches. So

come. What is to be said to sons was making a terrible mess American youth this year as it goes forth into the world?

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At the start of my commencement-speech career I labored un- moved back in with mom and der the influence of General George Marshall, who took the cruel letters from moms and occasion of a Harvard commencement to propose the Mar- that unless I resume urging gradshall Plan for the rebuilding of uates to go forth I had better give Europe. Unqualified to propose plans for rebuilding other con-tinents that were in bad shape, I confined myself to calls for the mencement speeches to begin young to go forth into the world and serve their country as nobly as Marshall had.

Then, went the peroration, ready, and still alive. And not each of them, too, might one day propose something as noble

poet Ezra Pound who put an end to this phase of my commence-NEW YORK — It is comment career. He turned up with-mencement season. Last out warning as an honored winter I foolishly agreed to guest at a commencement I had make a commencement speech. promised to harangue at Hamil-

ton College. What to do? There was no time to revise the speech, to say commencement. Winter is not a something that wouldn't sound commencing time of year. In a absurd to a man so finicky about good old Middle Atlantic winter words that he had edited T.S. it is only natural to believe noth- Eliot for taste. I did what had to be done. I exhorted Ezra Pound The hunters who go after to go forth and do good works.

> Several years passed before I could face the commencing public again. In that time the world had gone noticeably

I resumed commencement speaking with a new theme. Instead of urging commencers to go forth. I pleaded against it, begging them not to go forth into the world. It had once been a very good world, thanks to the genius, toil and magnificent

character of persons my age. Lately, however, it had beworld, as an apparently endless far I have yet to get lucky and die stream of new generations went before time to make the speech. forth into it. Since this constant Once again May has, in fact, going forth of commenced perof the world. I begged them to

stop going forth. Many heeded the plea and dad. This has earned me many dads. The gist of these threats is up commencement speeches. This I am perfectly willing to do. I never wanted to give comwith, and never would if they didn't come after you in winter. Now here it is - May al-

an idea in the world. New York Times Service

## A Supreme Archivist Digs Into His Past

By Rick Atkinson Rushington Post Service

EIPZIG, Germany - Ono L. Bertmann, also known as the Picture Man, stares out of the window in the hometown he fled 60 years ago. having vowed never to return.

Across the street soars the spire of the Thomaskirche, the church where Johann Sebastian Bach served as choir director for 27 years. Around the corner stands Auerbach's Keller, the pub where Faust sold his soul to Mephistopheles in Goethe's epic 19thcentury poem. Next door is the old laboratory of Wilhelm Röntgen, the German physicist who won a 1901 Nobel Prize for discovering X-rays.

And everywhere in Leipzig are the ghostly images of Bettmann's youth: the leafy park where he played as a boy; the fire station where horse-drawn pumpers once clattered into the street: the high-ceilinged suite where his fa-ther had a thriving medical practice.

It's enough to make even the most unsentimental man a bit weepy. But at age 91. Betmann — who describes nostalgia as "papier-māché history sterilized of all pain" — permits himself a single observation while surveying the scene from a fourth-floor room at No. 20 Dittrichring, where the Bettmann family lived for more than 30 years. "This," he

says softly, gazing into the middle distance of the past, "was my bedroom."

In 1935, having been fired as a museum curator during the Nazi purge of Jewish state employees, Bettmann sailed for New York. He took the clothes on his back, 10 marks in his pocket and two suitcases stuffed with old photographs deemed worthless by a German emigration inspector.

From those suitcases emerged the Bettmann Archive, a repository of photos, illustrations and other images that has grown to more than 12 million items - "an invaluable, irreverent and original source of graphic materials that have rescued several generations of art directors, book publishers, encyclopedia compilers, T-shirt manufacturers and cereal-box designers from creative gridlock," as The New York Times once proclaimed.



Archivist Otto Bettmann visiting Leipzig for the first time since 1935.

bution to the development of both picture journalism and America's infatuation with images — and remained im placably hostile to his native Germany. He rejected all invitations from various German governments - West, East

and reunited -- to return for a visit. But last week Bettmann came back, persuaded by friends that he should not go to his grave without seeing Leipzig again. The trip has been cathartic for the elfin figure with the Sigmund Freud

In 1915, when he was 12, Bettmann began rooting through his father's trash for discarded anatomical and medical

With a doctorate from the University Along the way. Bettmann wrote a of Leipzig and another degree as a masdozen books, made a major contri- ter librarian. Bettmann was hired in me what I did, I explained to him that I Krischok contributed to this article.

Berlin as curator of rare books at the Prussian State Art Library. It was a perfect job for a young man who loved old books and old pictures, but it lasted only until the Nazis got around to purg-ing Jews from the civil service in 1933. Supported by his family in Leipzig, he bided his time for a couple of years,

By November 1935, even the optimistic Bettmann could see that Hitler was not going to blow over. Persuaded to emigrate by relatives living abroad, he packed up his pictures and sailed away.

waiting for the country to come to its

When I came down the gangplank in New York, I felt a certain fresh air that I have loved ever since," he recalls. "When the immigration official asked

was an art historian. He said. "That's wonderful. We need people like you

His timing was impeccable. He had arrived at the dawn of picture journalism in the United States, when big glossy magazines such as Life and Look spawned both imitators and a demand for the kind of images Bettmann carried in those two suitcases. By renting pictures on a onetime-use basis, the Bettmann Archive became an enterprise whose inventory

was never reduced by sales. Some photos in the collection would become instantly recognizable, such as the flaming crash of the Hindenburg zeppelin or President Harry S. Truman holding up a Chicago newspaper with a headline proclaiming his election loss to Thomas E. Dewey. Other images were obscure or arcane or beautifully ordi-

"I took away the idea that even if you are not in the genius class, work conquers all," he says. "You cannot be totally unsuccessful if you apply your

Bettmann's own story is entering its final chapters. His mind remains spec-tacularly acute, but he moves with a slow shuffle — notwithstanding his daily regimen of push-ups "till it hurts."
His wife of 50 years died in 1988, seven years after Bettmann sold the

archive to another German émigré; it retains his name and spirit, though it has increased in size considerably and is now also a commercial outlet for two

rge news agencies. Bettmann has described his retirement in Florida as "a very pleasant hiatus between being and nothing-In fact, he remains relentlessly

His book on the Gilded Age and the American cult of nostalgia, called "The Good Old Days: They Were Terrible." remains a cult classic and has reportedly sold 200,000 copies. His 1993 autobiography, "Bettmann: The Picture Man," is a compelling testimonial to the American dream. His typed itinerary for this European trip includes a revealing last entry: "19 May. Start On Next Project.

Special correspondent

**WEEKEND DESTINATIONS** 

**PEOPLE** 

Waters Cleans Up Act To Sit on Cannes Jury

Director John Waters, sitting on the 10-member jury of the Cannes Film Festival, msists he's a changed man since he made 'Pink Flammoos' and his other kitsch flicks of the 70s. You know, at 20 it's fun to be crazy and at 50 it would be kind of sad." He once said he considered someone throwing up at his movies to be a standing ovation. Jeanne Moreau and Diane Keaton shared the honor of presiding over the festival opening

Michael Jackson and his wife Lisa Marie Presley will give their first-ever joint television interview next month ABC said. The interview will take place in the Egyptian Tem-ple of Dendur, housed inside New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. Organizers said Jackson has agreed to discuss the controversy over whether he sexually molested a boy. He has denied any wrongdoing and a civil case against him was settied out of court.

Fats Domino, 67, was admitted to a hospital following a concert in Sheffield, England, where he shared the stage with Chuck Berry and Little Richard. Doctors diagnosed exhaustion.

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As a going-away present for President François Matternad of France, his Socialist support-ers chipped in to buy him a Twingo. Renault's minicar. The president, well known as an assiduous pedestrian in Paris. suggested that his followers give the car to a charity raffle.

Tenor Luciano Pavarotti has gone pop, joining forces with rock star Bryan Adams for his latest album.

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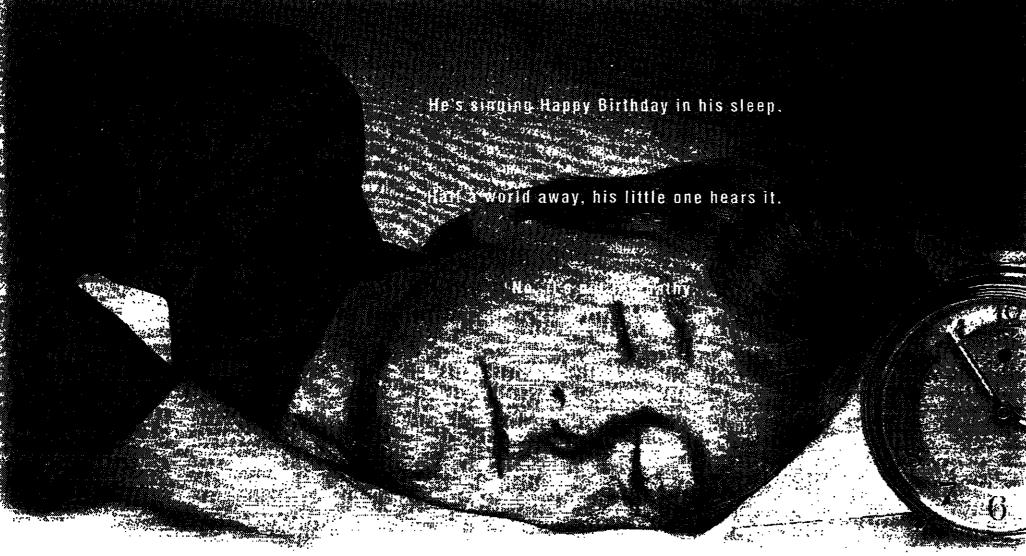
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